



## Top immigration official: Border crossings dropping

By A. GALVAN/C. LONG  
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**YUMA, Ariz. (AP)** — The acting secretary of Homeland Security said Friday that he expected 25% fewer migrants to cross the border this month, as officials in Yuma unveiled the newest temporary facility meant to detain children and families. That number of illegal crossings would still be too high, but it was a start, Kevin McAleenan said, crediting Mexico with a concentrated effort to stop Central Americans before they arrived even to Mexico — a push prompted by threats of tariffs from President Donald Trump. The president has seen numbers of migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border skyrocket under his term despite his hard-line policies and tough talk.



Department of Homeland Security (DHS) acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan speaks during a news conference in Washington, Friday, June 28, 2019.

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# DeVos revokes Obama-era rule policing for-profit colleges

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**  
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The Trump administration on Friday revoked an Obama-era rule that aimed to terminate federal funding to for-profit college programs that consistently left graduates with high student debt.

Department officials announced that the 2014 gainful employment rule will be rescinded effective July 1, 2020. The agency's announcement said the rule focused too narrowly on graduate earnings and unfairly targeted for-profit colleges.

"The department's rules should be designed to support all students and treat all schools fairly. The previous administration's rule did neither," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement. "All schools should be clear and transparent about their outcomes and all students should have a full range of information available. We're committed to making that happen."

Instead of punishing schools that leave students



**In this May 3, 2017, file photo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a school choice event in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington.**

strapped with debt, DeVos has promised to publish earnings data for all college programs as part of an update of the department's College Scorecard website. DeVos has said it's a fairer alternative that lets students decide for themselves whether a school meets their standards. Under the rule, certain vo-

cational programs could be cut off from funding if the average debt ratio of their graduates stayed above a certain limit for two out of three straight years. It was created under President Barack Obama amid widespread complaints of fraud against for-profit chains including Corinthian Colleges and ITT Technical Institute. Both chains collapsed under pressure from Obama officials.

But before any schools lost funding, DeVos moved to delay the rule in 2017 and a year later began the pro-

cess to revoke it. A federal judge ruled last September that the delay was illegal, but the department never took steps to enforce the rule, citing a dispute with the Social Security Administration that has left the department unable to access earnings data.

Friday's announcement drew quick condemnation from Democrats and borrower advocates, which had lobbied the department to revise the rule rather than remove it entirely. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., the top Democrat on the

Senate's Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, said the repeal is "a gift to predatory programs and for-profit colleges that want to take unsuspecting students for a ride."

"If Secretary DeVos had students' best interests at heart, she would withdraw this repeal immediately and reinstate the common-sense and effective consumer protections put in place by the Obama Administration," Murray said in a statement.

The chief of the National Student Legal Defense Network said the decision proves that DeVos "only cares about protecting for-profit colleges, no matter how many students they swindle."

"Scrapping these common sense regulations will lead to students racking up debt for worthless degrees, while DeVos props up failing and predatory schools with billions of dollars from taxpayers," President Aaron Ament said. "There is simply no sound rationale for eliminating these important protections."

But the move was welcomed by the Career Education Colleges and Universities, a lobbying group that represents dozens of for-profit colleges across the U.S. □

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## Additional U.S. fighter planes sent to Gulf amid Iran tensions

By **ROBERT BURNS**  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nearly a dozen Air Force F-22 stealth fighters have deployed to the Persian Gulf state of Qatar, part of a force buildup requested by U.S. Central Command in May in response to what it called heightened Iranian threats against American forces in the region.

The Air Force arm of U.S. Central Command on Friday said the F-22 Raptors arrived this week at al-Udeid air base to "defend American forces and interests." It posted to its website photos of several F-22s arriving there on Thursday

and said this is the first time F-22s have deployed to al-Udeid, which is a hub for U.S. air operations in the Middle East. F-22s, which carry air-to-air missiles and can perform ground-attack missions as well, had previously deployed to al-Dhafra air base in the United Arab Emirates, where they were used last year in support of U.S. and partner forces in Syria.

Four B-52 strategic bombers were deployed to al-Udeid days after a May 5 White House announcement that the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group also was being rushed to the region in response to

"troubling and escalatory indications and warnings" and as a "message to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force."

At the request of Gen. Frank McKenzie, commander of Central Command, additional Patriot air-and-missile defense systems also were sent to the Gulf region in recent weeks. He also is receiving additional surveillance and intelligence-gathering aircraft to improve the military's ability to monitor potential Iranian threats against shipping in the Gulf area. □





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More than 100,000 people, mostly families from Central America, have crossed the border each month over the past few months. Trump sees the monthly border numbers as a benchmark for success, and in the past when he felt numbers were too high, he threatened to shut down the border.

McAleenan dismissed the idea that a projected decrease in June was due in part to hot summer months, traditionally a time fewer people cross.

"These initiatives are making an impact," he said.

Meanwhile, facilities that house detained migrants are vastly overcrowded and advocates and attorneys have decried conditions inside. Border facilities are meant as temporary holding stations, built to hold a maximum of about 4,000, but have routinely held as many as 15,000.

Teens and children, detained days or weeks by U.S. border authorities, described frigid cells where flu-stricken children in dirty clothes ran fevers, vomited and cried with no idea when they would get out, according to court documents in a case that

governs how children are cared for in government custody.

Congress sent Trump a \$4.6 billion package on Thursday that bolsters care for the tens of thousands of migrants taken into custody. McAleenan praised the move, but also cautioned there was much more work to do.

In Yuma, construction on the new 500-person tent facility in the back parking lot of a Border Patrol headquarters began about two weeks ago. Large air conditioning units set up for them hum loudly.

The facility is composed of two large tents: One for processing and another that's divided into pods for holding and is expected to open in the next day, said Yuma Sector Chief Anthony Porvaznik.

The facilities will be exclusively for families traveling with children and for unaccompanied children. The agency spent just under \$15 million for the setup and services for four months, including meals, laundry and security. There are thick mats to sleep on, showers, playpens for infants and aluminum blankets.

Porvaznik said there will be many people to watch the families and children. The



Workers put the finishing touches as the U.S. Border Patrol unveiled a new 500-person tent facility during a media tour Friday, June 28, 2019, in Yuma, Ariz.

number of families and children traveling unaccompanied has spiked over the last two years, although it's dropped by almost half in the past few weeks, said Porvaznik.

"I think we were able to manage the process very well although we were under-resourced. This humanitarian crisis has stretched our resources," he added.

He said despite extra room, agents will continue to drop

off some immigrant families to a local shelter.

The Border Patrol in Yuma had capacity for 400 people, but regularly went over that number as agents struggled to process the large number of people, most from Central American and many of them asylum seekers.

Nearly 11,000 families and 6,000 unaccompanied kids have crossed the Yuma sector since October, making it the third-busiest area in the Southwest.

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McAleenan also spoke of the tragic image of a father and his toddler, drowned on the banks of the Rio Grande.

"The situation should not be acceptable to any of us," he said of the deaths. "It should galvanize action and real debate ... And yet here in Washington we have collectively failed to end this crisis. This is not on the men and women of DHS. They deserve better and so do the families of children." □

## Arizona, Sonora governors to meet at border conference

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Republicans on Friday urged U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to schedule a vote on a plan to modify the North American Free Trade Agreement, saying it's crucial to Arizona's economy.

Gov. Doug Ducey and Sen. Martha McSally have been strong backers of U.S.-Mex-

ico-Canada agreement negotiated at the insistence of President Donald Trump, who threatened to pull out of NAFTA if it wasn't renegotiated.

"I never thought I'd say this, but we're counting on Nancy Pelosi," said McSally, a Republican facing a tough race in next year's election. "The destiny of USMCA is in

her hands."

Mexico is Arizona's largest trading partner, and Canada is third after China. The state did \$20.4 billion worth of trade with the two North American countries last year.

"I'd love to pull all the politics and partisanship out of this," Ducey said, adding it's an improvement on

a NAFTA agreement that he says boosted prosperity and peace on the continent.

They spoke at a conference for the Arizona Mexico Commission, which promotes cross-border trade, transportation, tourism and other ties.

Gov. Claudia Pavlovich of Sonora, the Mexican

state that borders Arizona, echoed the urgency of approving the trade pact, though she didn't single out Pelosi.

"I want you to do everything you can to get it approved in Congress," Pavlovich told mayors and business leaders. "It's going to be a great (deal) for Sonora, Arizona." □

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## Analysis: Tell us everything (but keep it to 60 seconds)

By TED ANTHONY  
AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — “Each man shall make an opening statement of approximately eight minutes’ duration,” CBS-TV moderator Howard K. Smith intoned as John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon began the first televised presidential debate on Sept. 26, 1960.

On a Thursday evening 59 years later, NBC moderator Chuck Todd had this to say to Democratic presidential hopefuls in the closing moments of a 10-candidate rhetorical scrum: “Please — for one or two words only, please.”

For this particular event, the maximum time allotted for any sort of thoughtful expression was a nice round minute.

So: climate change. The economy. Taxes. Racism. Health care. How you’d stand up to China. Why you’re concerned about socialism. Go!

“If I could just finish,” said U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado.

“Vice President Biden, 30 seconds,” said moderator Rachel Maddow.

“A REAL 30 seconds?” Joe Biden shot back.

If this week’s twin and Twitter debates demonstrated one thing about America, it was this: The ever-increasing pace of society and the fragmentation of its methods of communication have sent electoral politics drifting into the choppy waters of utter absurdity.

It made for great television, sure. It had all the elements: America’s most ambitious



**Democratic presidential candidates, author Marianne Williamson, former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, entrepreneur Andrew Yang, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, and Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., listen to a question during a Democratic primary debate hosted by NBC News at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Thursday, June 27, 2019, in Miami.**

politicians scrabbling for air time. TV hosts interrupting them — sometimes plaintively, sometimes dictatorially — and trying to make sure everyone had his or her say, or at least that they got in a few pithy sentence fragments for the ages. Maybe it was the otherwise frenetic nature of the debate that made its few moments of clarity so electric. They included U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris debating race with Biden in starkly personal terms; and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg accepting responsibility for failing to build a more diverse police force in his city.

Lost in the mayhem was this: America as a society is actually asking the people who would lead it to com-

press some of history’s most complex and persnickety problems into, not even sound bites, but sound nibbles.

Americans wonder: Why has political discourse become so sharp, so monochromatic? Perhaps because we have Power-Pointed our way from clarity to simplicity to only really paying attention when the sharply defined and the simplistic rule the day.

The jockeying for a few words shouted over someone else’s few words grew so intense at one point Thursday night that Harris, standing at a lectern near the center of the political chorus line, was moved to turn it into a political aphorism.

“Hey guys, you know

what?” she said. “America does not want to witness a food fight. They want to know how we’re going to put food on their table.” In this forum, a “thank you” from a host usually meant, “Enough already.” To get a word in edgewise in the tight format, men talked over women. Men talked over men. Women talked over men. (Women talking over women, not so much.) Biden and Sanders were spotted raising their hands tentatively as Buttigieg talked. And while it took Karl Marx years to develop his theories about socialism, former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper got a single minute to explain his concerns about it. What produced this state of affairs? You could blame

it on a sprawling slate of candidates, and you’d be partially right. It’s fair to say that anytime you put 10 energetic people who want to lead the “free world” on a single stage and tell them to have at it, elbows will fly. But it’s more than that. This was but the latest iteration of political rhetoric as interstate highway billboard: Make sure all the letters and images are big enough, bold enough, colorful enough to make an impression for those driving by at 70 mph while checking their texts and reaching for their Starbucks.

Today, so much of the American media diet is delivered live and consumed in slivers of immediacy rather than larger, assembled narratives. Things arrive in a million little pieces, so each of those pieces must have a chance at being noticed, at being remembered.

But complex ideas require larger portraits, or at least collages. And when we ask the human who wants access to the nuclear button to reduce complex ideas into two or three words, or even a rushed 60 seconds with nine others trying to talk over you, that has implications — not only on the candidates themselves, but on a public grappling to understand the nuanced issues of the day.

Brevity might be the soul of wit, not to mention ratings. But pinning the future of history’s most complex republic on ideas expressed in bursts of seconds and minutes is a practice that is, well, eminently debatable. □



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## Life sentence for killing at Charlottesville protest

By DENISE LAVOIE  
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)

— An avowed white supremacist who deliberately drove his car into a crowd of counterprotesters, killing a young woman and injuring dozens, apologized to his victims Friday before being sentenced to life in prison on federal hate crime charges.

James Alex Fields Jr., of Maumee, Ohio, had pleaded guilty in March to 29 of 30 hate crimes in connection with the 2017 attack that killed Heather Heyer and injured more than two dozen others.

Prosecutors and Fields' lawyers agreed that federal sentencing guidelines called for a life sentence. But his attorneys asked U.S. District Judge Michael Urbanski to consider a sentence of "less than life," hoping he would take into account Fields' troubled childhood and mental health issues.

Just before Urbanski announced his sentence, the 22-year-old Fields, accompanied by one of his lawyers, walked to a podium in the courtroom and apologized.

"Every day I think about how things could have gone differently and how I regret my actions," he said. "I'm sorry."

His comments came after more than a dozen survivors of and witnesses to the attack delivered emotional testimony about the physical and psychological wounds they had received as a result of the events that day.

"You had a choice to leave Charlottesville, but you did not," said Rosia Parker, a longtime civil rights activist in Charlottesville who said she was standing feet away from Heyer when



Susan Bro, mother of Heather Heyer who was killed in 2017 during a white supremacist rally, gives a thumbs up to the press after the sentencing of James Alex Fields Jr. in federal court in Charlottesville, Va., Friday, June 28, 2019.

Heyer was struck by Fields' car.

"You could have done anything else but what you did," Parker said, her voice breaking as she stared directly at Fields. "So, yeah, you deserve everything that you get."

Fields appeared stoic and didn't look at Parker or any of the victims as they spoke.

Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, said she wanted Fields to spend his life in prison but also hoped he would get the medication he needed and that one day he would change his views and no longer support white supremacy.

"I hope he can heal someday and help others heal," Bro said.

After the hearing, Bro said she did not believe Fields' apology was sincere, but instead was a last-ditch attempt to get a lighter sentence.

Fields drove from his home in Maumee, Ohio, to attend the "Unite the Right" rally on Aug. 12, 2017, which drew hundreds of white nationalists to Charlottesville to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Hundreds of counterprotesters showed up as well. President Donald Trump sparked controversy when he blamed the violence at the rally on "both sides," a statement that critics saw as a refusal to condemn racism.

After Fields was sentenced, a Department of Justice official condemned his actions.

"Hate crimes violate the most fundamental American values of freedom and human dignity," Eric Dreiband, assistant attorney general for the DOJ's Civil Rights Division, said at a news conference with federal prosecutors.

During the sentencing hearing Friday, FBI Special Agent Wade Douthit said a classmate described Fields as being "like a kid at Disney World" during a high school trip to the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.

Douthit read grand jury testimony from the classmate, who said Fields appeared happy and made the remark, "This is where the magic happened."

The statement provoked audible gasps from the crowd that had packed into the Charlottesville courtroom.

The classmate said when Fields viewed the camp's gas chamber, he said: "It's almost like you can still hear them screaming."

Douthit said the classmate was so disgusted by Fields' remarks he stopped associating with him.

During Fields' state trial, attorneys focused on his history of mental illness and traumatic childhood.

A psychologist testified that Fields had inexplicable volatile outbursts as a young child, was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 6 and was later diagnosed with schizoid personality disorder.

In a sentencing memo, defense attorneys said Fields was raised by a paraplegic single mother and suffered "trauma" knowing that his Jewish grandfather had slain his grandmother before taking his own life. □

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"The bigotry and ideology of neo-Nazism, Nazism, white supremacy and the Ku Klux Klan are a disgrace to this country and illegal acts based on those should be eradicated from the United States," Dreiband said.

Prosecutors said Fields had a long history of racist and anti-Semitic behavior and had shown no remorse for his crimes. They said he is an avowed white supremacist, admired Adolf Hitler and even kept a picture of the Nazi leader on his bedside table.

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## Study: Retirees lose by taking Social Security at wrong time



In this Nov. 14, 2018, file photo people walk through lower Manhattan's Zuccotti Park at the start of a work day in New York.

**By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL**  
AP Personal Finance Writer  
It's tough to decide when to start taking Social Security benefits and it appears many people are shorting themselves with their choice.

A new study finds that only 4% of retirees start claiming their Social Security benefits at the most financially optimal time. And current retirees collectively will lose \$3.4 trillion in potential income to fund their retirement because they started drawing benefits at a less than ideal time. That's roughly \$111,000 per household, according to the research from United Income, an online investment management and financial planning firm.

Americans typically can start claiming their Social Security benefits as early as age 62 and most adults do so by the time they turn 63. But the size of the monthly benefit grows for each year they wait, maxing out at age 70.

It's not just a financial equation though. Deciding when to draw benefits depends on a myriad of personal factors such as age, health, other savings, marital status and plans for retirement. But the report's authors say people aren't spending enough time sorting through this process and policymakers could do more to encourage it.

"If you have the discussions, you can optimize your decisions," said Ja-

son Fichtner, former chief economist at the Social Security Administration and one of the report's authors. "These discussions aren't necessarily happening for everyone."

Those conversations are important because Americans are increasingly in charge of their own retirement planning and Social Security is a major component. It accounts for about one-third of all income annually received by U.S. retirees. And many Americans are underprepared to supplement their retirement with their own savings. For about one-third of retirees, Social Security is their primary source of income.

"It is not just about increasing your income, it's about

increasing your chances you'll be able to afford retirement," said Fichtner.

The researchers also estimate that elderly poverty could be cut by 50% if all retirees claimed Social Security at the optimal time. They suggest policymakers make changes to encourage people to claim at a more financially advantageous age, such as improved education for those eligible for Social Security or changing the terminology to indicate that benefits may increase with time. For example, researchers suggest that instead of calling 62 the "early eligibility age" it could be labeled the "minimum benefit age."

While there is no one optimal age, the researchers

found that 92 percent of retirees would be better off waiting to claim Social Security until at least their 65th birthday. The exact timing is tough to pinpoint, even varying within households depending on age and who earned more.

That being said, there are people who are better off taking the benefits as soon as they can, such as those in poor health who have less time to enjoy their benefits.

For others, waiting for the ideal time to claim would mean losing wealth in their 60s as it would require them to live off savings or investment account withdrawals instead of Social Security benefits.

"This shouldn't be about 'claim early' or 'claim late', it should be a discussion," Fichtner said. "If anything, just claim as late as you financially can."

The researchers analyzed the information of more than 2,000 households in a Social Security Administration sponsored survey. Using info respondents provided about health, longevity, finances and other details, they used forecasting technology to simulate how much their households would be worth throughout retirement based on various timing options. The study did not assume any additional job income in calculating the optimal age.

Why don't people wait to claim later? Teresa Ghilarducci, a professor of economics at the New school and retirement expert, unaffiliated with the study, says that there are many reasons. That includes personal dynamics within a marriage, financial advisers who would lose out if you draw from investments early, a desire to boost income as many older Americans work low wage jobs and difficulty in estimating how long you have to live.

While not a complete solution for insufficient savings, the study's authors say that optimizing Social Security would improve the lives of millions of retirees. □

## Police arrest man suspected of killing Utah college student

By **LINDSAY WHITEHURST**  
**Associated Press**

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A Utah college student missing 11 days was abducted and killed and her remains burned in the yard of a man now facing aggravated murder and other charges, authorities said Friday.

Salt Lake City Police Chief Mike Brown, who became emotional at times during a morning press conference, said Ayoola A.

Ajayi will be charged with aggravated murder, kidnapping, obstruction of justice and desecration of a body in the death of 23-year-old Mackenzie Lueck.

He was arrested without incident Friday morning by a SWAT team.

Ajayi, 31, is an information technology worker who attended college on and off but never earned a degree and was briefly in the Army National Guard but didn't complete basic training.

He doesn't have a criminal record, according to online court information, but a northern Utah police department said he was accused of a rape in 2014. Police investigated but the alleged victim, an adult woman, declined to pursue charges, North Park police said in a news release.

Brown said telling the missing woman's parents in Southern California was "one of the most difficult phone calls I've ever made."

Her parents are "devastated and heartbroken by this news."

Lueck disappeared on June 17, after she returned from a trip home for her grandmother's funeral and took a Lyft ride from the airport to a park north of Salt Lake City. She was last seen apparently willingly meeting someone there at about 3 a.m.

Her text conversation with Ajayi was her last communication and phone location data shows them both at the park within a minute of each other, Brown said.

"This was the same time as Mackenzie's phone stopped receiving any further data or location services," he said.

He declined to say whether or how exactly they knew each other.

Ajayi has acknowledged texting with Lueck around 6 p.m. on June 16, but denied talking to her later, knowing what she looked like or having seen any online profile for her — despite having several photos, including a profile picture, Brown said.

The police chief said investigators were seeking to determine if others were involved.

A second person was questioned at the time of his arrest and later released, Brown said.

Police have not discussed a motive for the killing, or specified a cause of death. A judge ordered Ajayi held without bail.

It was not known if he has an attorney to speak on his behalf.

He had not returned previous messages from The Associated Press prior to his arrest.

After discovering that Ajayi was the last person Lueck communicated with, police searched his home on Wednesday and Thursday. Police Thursday described him as a "person of interest."

In his backyard, they said they found a "fresh dig area," and charred items that belonged to Lueck. They also found burned human remains that matched her DNA profile, Brown said. Ajayi has worked in information technology for several companies including Dell and Goldman Sachs, according to his LinkedIn page.

Goldman Sachs confirmed he worked as a contract employee for less than a year at the Salt Lake City office ending in August 2018. Dell said Ajayi had worked there but didn't provide his dates of employment.

Ajayi also appeared to have pursued employment in modeling with a bio



**Salt Lake City police take a man into custody in connection with missing University of Utah student MacKenzie Lueck in Salt Lake City on Friday, June 28, 2019.**

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page on a website called modelmanagement.com. Court records show he is divorced.

Lueck was a part-time senior at the University of Utah studying kinesiology and pre-nursing, and was expected to graduate in Spring 2020.

She had been a student since 2014 and had an off-campus apartment.

The university offered counseling services to any students or staffers affected by her death.

She is from El Segundo in the Los Angeles area and

flew to California for a funeral before returning to Salt Lake City, police said. Her family reported her missing on June 20 and became more concerned after she missed a planned flight back to Los Angeles last weekend.

Lueck's uncle, who did not provide his name at the police press conference, held back tears as he read a statement from her family thanking the investigators for their work.

"They're also grateful to her community, her friends and others around the nation

who have supported this investigation," he said.

She was a bubbly, nurturing person who helped others and took care of animals like guinea pigs, hedgehogs and cats, friends have said.

They did not respond to requests for comment after the arrest was announced. Lueck's sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, said in a statement the group is grieving her loss and hoping the members closest to her can find comfort as they remember her lasting impact on her loved ones. □

## Indiana judge shot during fight 1 of 3 people facing charges

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — One of two Indiana judges shot in the wee hours outside a fast-food restaurant was charged Friday with battery for his role in the May fight.

The Marion County prosecutor announced grand jury indictments against three people, including Clark County Judge Andrew Adams, about two months after an argument turned violent outside a White Castle in Indianapolis around 3:30 a.m.

Adams and another Clark County judge, Bradley Jacobs, were shot while in Indianapolis for a work-related conference. Their

injuries were serious but not life-threatening, and authorities don't believe they were targeted because of their jobs. Adams and Alfredo Vazquez were each charged with two felony counts of battery and other misdemeanors. The alleged gunman, Brandon Kaiser, was charged with aggravated battery, battery with a deadly weapon and other crimes. Jacobs wasn't indicted.

An email seeking comment was sent to Adams' attorney. Kaiser didn't have a lawyer listed in the court file. Vazquez' attorney, Gregory Spencer, said his client was acting in self-defense.

"His version will come out as we progress through the case," Spencer said. Prosecutor Terry Curry said video had a role in the investigation.

"You cannot assert self-defense if you're determined to be the initial aggressor in a confrontation or if you willingly enter into mutual combat with the other person," Curry said without specifically referring to any of the defendants.

Separately, the Indiana Supreme Court responded to the charges by suspending Adams with pay.

He'll likely appear in an Indianapolis court next week. □

## France fries: Record heat hits tourists, schools, hospitals

By **ANGELA CHARLTON**  
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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Thousands of schools were closed, outdoor events canceled and volunteers were visiting the elderly at home as France and other nations battle a record-setting heat wave baking much of Europe. Several people have died around the continent in incidents that authorities are linking to the weather. A major wildfire raged Friday in Spain, sparked when a pile of chicken dung spontaneously combusted in the heat.

Several countries have reported record temperatures this week, and France hit its all-time heat record Friday: 45.9 C (114.6 F) in the small southern town of Gallargues-le-Montueux, according to French media.

The French national weather service activated its highest-level heat danger alert for the first time, putting four regions around Marseille and Montpellier in the south of the country under special watch Friday. About 4,000 schools were closed because they couldn't ensure safe conditions.

Local authorities canceled several cultural and sport events and many end-of-school-year carnivals. City halls were also sending



Girls wearing swimsuits sit along the Canal de l'Ourcq in Paris, Friday, June 28, 2019.

volunteers to visit elderly people at home to ensure they had fans and water.

In Issy-Les-Moulineaux, a southwest Paris suburb, Jean-Jacques Emerjian, 87, and his wife Marie-France, 80 were relieved to see the Red Cross volunteers.

Marie-France Emerjian said "with my handicapped husband I am worried because I don't have someone who can come right away (to help). He fell the other night and I couldn't get him up and I was scared. He had a malaise, he fainted."

In the northern Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, the Salvation Army day center, which al-

lows migrants living in the streets to take showers, also provided them with lots of bottled water.

Paris city hall estimates that about 1,000-2,000 migrants currently live in makeshift camps, which are particularly exposed to the heat.

Some criticized the government for going overboard, but Prime Minister Edouard Philippe defended the efforts after 15,000 people died in a heat wave in 2003 that woke up France to the risks.

"This heat wave is exceptional by its intensity and its earliness," he told reporters. "Measures have been taken for the most vulnerable

people," he said "But given the intensity of the heat wave, it's the entire population who must be careful today ... both for oneself and for loved ones and neighbors."

Italy put 16 cities under alerts for high temperatures, and civil security services distributed water to tourists visiting famed sites around Rome under a scorching sun.

Heat was blamed for the deaths of two people in Spain, private news agency Europa Press reported Friday.

An 80-year-old man collapsed and died in the street in Valladolid, in north-

west Spain, the agency said, and a 17-year-old boy died in the southern city of Cordoba after diving into a swimming pool and losing consciousness.

Four people have drowned so far in France this week, and a 12-year-old girl drowned in a river near Manchester, England. France's health minister and British police warned people to swim only in authorized areas.

France has also seen an uptick in so-called street-pooling, or illegally opening fire hydrants. A 6-year-old child is in life-threatening condition after being hit by water shooting from a cracked-open fire hydrant in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis, broadcaster France-Info reported.

More than 200 firefighters dealt with dozens of fires in the Gard region, in southeastern France, and a highway was closed for safety reasons.

More than 600 firefighters and six water-dropping aircraft were battling the worst fire in two decades in the Catalonia region Friday, as Spain is forecast to endure the peak of its heat wave, with temperatures expected to exceed 40 C (104 F). In Berlin, a police unit turned water cannons — usually used against rioters — on city trees, to cool them down. □

## Italy: Several EU nations agree to take migrants from ship

**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — Italy's appeal to fellow EU nations to take some of the 40 migrants still aboard a rescue ship anchored off a tiny Mediterranean island in a weeks-long standoff has obtained a "positive" response from five countries, the Italian foreign minister said Friday. In a tweet, Enzo Moavero offered his "sincere thanks to the governments of Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Portugal" for giving a "positive response" about the migrants aboard Sea-Watch 3, a German humanitarian organization's vessel which had rescued them more than two



An Italian Coast Guard boat patrols next to the Sea-Watch 3 vessel, in the Mediterranean Sea just off the coasts of the southern Italian island of Lampedusa, Thursday, June 27, 2019.

weeks ago. Moavero also expressed gratitude to the EU migration commissioner, Dimitris Avramopoulos, for his efforts in lining up countries

willing to take in the asylum-seekers.

Italy didn't immediately say if the migrants would now be allowed to disembark on Lampedusa, an Italian island south of Sicily.

Earlier, a German interior ministry spokesman said Germany would take in some of the migrants if other EU member states did too.

Later, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer was quoted by German news agency dpa that he was very confident that there would be a solution to the Sea-Watch 3 stalemate by the weekend. Italy's hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini, had

declared that until countries are found to accept every one of the 40 asylum-seekers, none would disembark on Italian soil.

Originally, 53 rescued migrants were aboard. But that number decreased as various passengers were taken ashore because of medical conditions, including one on Thursday evening and another early Friday.

Sea-Watch 3 captain Carola Rackete has defied orders from port authorities, first not to enter Italian waters and second in her attempted approach to the port of Lampedusa, Italy's southernmost island. □



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## Albania's local election is a test for its democracy

By **LLAZAR SEMINI**

**Associated Press**

**TIRANA, Albania (AP)** — Albania's municipal elections don't normally provoke much interest beyond the country's border, but the holding of this weekend's vote — or failure to do so — appears decisive for the tiny Western Balkan country in its bid to start full membership negotiations with the European Union.

While the Socialist-run government is insisting on holding the election, the opposition is boycotting the vote and says it will stop it taking place. Albania's president, sympathetic to the opposition, has gone one step further by declaring that the vote is canceled, a decision that the government is refusing to abide by.

"Unfortunately we are showing our democracy is immature, weak and corrupt," said Skender Minxhozi, an independent analyst. "We are unable to reach a sustainable dialogue and compromises." After months of rowdy and sometimes violent opposition protests, where demonstrators have hurled projectiles at police officers who have responded with tear gas, the stage is set for a tense confrontation on Sunday.

The United States, the European Union, other international organizations and big Western powers have repeatedly called on the opposition to avoid violence and to engage in a dialogue to resolve the political deadlock. Though violence has been reduced recently, the standoff con-



**Albanian prime minister Edi Rama attends the last election rally in Vlora, southern Albania, Friday, June 28, 2019.**

tinues.

Leaders of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is sending 280 election observers, and the embassies of the United States and the European Union in Tirana on Friday called on Albanian political leaders to show restraint, engage in a "constructive dialogue" and ensure that Sunday's election is peaceful. It added that "both the perpetrators and instigators of violent acts should be held legally accountable."

The ruling Socialists held their final pre-electoral rally in the southwestern port city of Vlora, where thousands of supporters gathered with national flags. Prime Minister Edi Rama accused the opposition of having a "plan aiming at downing Albania's efforts

toward launching the EU negotiations."

Police prevented a group of opposition supporters from getting near the Socialists' rally. In a related incident in Dibra in eastern Albania, police used tear gas to push away opposition supporters trying to enter the election offices there.

In a similar incident Thursday, three policemen were injured by exploding gasoline bombs. Police arrested 15 people who were allegedly destroying election materials and the prime minister fired the town's mayor.

Holding a free and fair election has been post-communist Albania's Achilles' heel, with regular reports of shortcomings, vote rigging and violence. The move toward democracy is consid-

ered key for the launch of the EU membership talks for the nation, which is already a NATO member.

Earlier this month, the EU postponed the start of membership talks with Albania, as well as North Macedonia, despite warnings a delay could undermine reform efforts and stability in the Balkans region. Sunday's vote is due to elect mayors, town councils and district parliaments for the next four years. Some 3.5 million people are eligible to vote — that in itself is a problem, as the population of Albania is only 2.9 million. The other names on the electoral register represent Albania's huge overseas diaspora, but no facilities are provided to allow Albanians outside the country to vote.

For the center-right Demo-

cratic Party-led opposition of Lulzim Basha, the issue is not really the local vote, however. They are trying to force the calling of early parliamentary elections, claiming widespread government corruption, vote-rigging and links to organized crime. They are boycotting the vote. Earlier in June, President Ilir Meta announced that he was canceling the elections, claiming they would be "undemocratic" without the participation of the center-right opposition. On Thursday he said the vote would now take place on Oct. 13.

Prime Minister Edi Rama of the ruling left-wing Socialist Party, however, continues to insist that the elections will take place as scheduled Sunday. Rama accuses the opposition of trying to disrupt efforts to launch EU membership negotiations.

The Socialists have started a lengthy procedure to oust Meta, though they don't have the two-thirds majority they need in parliament, and the final say anyway is with the Constitutional Court, which has been defunct for the past year after its judges were fired.

Minxhozi says the opposition has failed to topple Rama but has managed to hurt the country's image.

"It has weakened Rama, but has not toppled him. It has damaged elections, but has not stopped them," he said, adding that "such a tense situation hurts EU negotiations and has withered democratic standards." □

## Iran sees some progress on nuclear deal, but not enough

By KIYOKO METZLER  
PHILIPP JENNE

Associated Press

**VIENNA (AP)** — A meeting of the remaining partners in the Iranian nuclear deal produced some progress but not enough to satisfy Tehran's demands, a senior Iranian official said Friday, offering little prospect for now of the country backing away from a move to surpass a uranium stockpile threshold that could doom the agreement.

Abbas Araghchi, Iran's deputy foreign minister, said after meeting with senior officials from Britain, Germany, France, China, Russia and the European Union that a complex barter-type system set up to keep trade with Iran afloat is now active. But he insisted that for the so-called INSTEX system to be useful, "Europeans need to buy oil from Iran, or to consider credit lines for this mechanism."

Araghchi described the meeting in Vienna, a regular quarterly gathering of signatories to the 2015 accord, as positive and constructive. He said it was "one step forward" compared with previous sessions, "but it is still not enough, and it is still not meeting Iran's expectations."

The 2015 agreement was aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions in exchange for relief from economic sanctions. President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the accord last year and he has imposed new sanctions on Iran in hopes of forcing Teh-



In this April 9, 2018 file photo, released by an official website of the office of the Iranian Presidency, President Hassan Rouhani listens to explanations on new nuclear achievements at a ceremony to mark "National Nuclear Day," in Tehran, Iran.

ran into negotiating a wider-ranging deal.

Iran recently quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium. It previously said it would surpass a 300-kilogram stockpile limit set by the accord by Thursday, but then said it was below the limit Wednesday and there would be no new assessment until "after the weekend."

It is currently a holiday weekend in Iran.

European countries are pressing for Iran to comply in full with the accord, though they have not specified what the consequences would be of failing to do so. But Iranian officials maintain that even if it surpasses the enrichment limit, it would not be breaching the deal, and say such a

move could be reversed quickly.

The Europeans also face a July 7 deadline set by Tehran to offer long-promised relief from U.S. sanctions, or Iran says it will also begin enriching its uranium closer to weapons-grade levels. After Friday's meeting, several EU countries said they are supporting efforts to keep the nuclear deal alive.

Austria, Belgium, Finland, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden wrote in a joint statement that "aware of the difficulties to implement the economic part of the agreement, we are working ... to establish channels to facilitate legitimate trade and financial operations with Iran."

INSTEX was conceived in

January but has taken months to activate. It would help ensure trade between Iran and Europe by allowing buyers and sellers to exchange money without relying on the usual cross-border financial transactions.

Senior EU diplomat Helga Schmid confirmed on Twitter that the system is "now operational, (with) first transactions being processed" and more EU member countries to join. She said that Friday's discussions were constructive and added that "full and effective implementation of #IranDeal by all sides remains key."

Araghchi said he will report back to Tehran, which will make further decisions. Of the 300-kilogram limit, he

said that "the decision to reduce our commitments has already (been) made in Iran, and we continue on that process unless our expectations are met."

Asked whether there would be a follow-up meeting, Araghchi said that delegates "decided to have a ministerial meeting very soon," perhaps in the next few weeks, although a time and place have not yet been determined. Friday's meeting was held at a lower level of senior foreign ministry officials.

Trump said on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Japan that "there's no rush" to ease tensions with Iran.

"There's absolutely no time pressure," he added. "I think that in the end, hopefully, it's going to work out. If it does, great. And if doesn't, you'll be hearing about it."

Tensions have been rising in the Middle East. Citing unspecified Iranian threats, the U.S. has sent an aircraft carrier to the region and deployed additional troops alongside the tens of thousands already there.

The U.S. has been worried about international shipping through the Strait of Hormuz since tankers were damaged in May and June in what Washington has blamed on limpet mines from Iran, although Tehran denies any involvement. Last week, Iran shot down a U.S. Navy surveillance drone, saying it violated its territory; Washington said it was in international airspace. □



Palestinians throw stones during clashes with Israeli police in Jerusalem's neighborhood of Issawiya.

Associated Press

## Palestinians: Israeli forces hit rally against police abuse

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Palestinians claim Israeli forces attacked them after a peaceful rally against police brutality in east Jerusalem.

Forty-nine-year-old witness Abed Zamzam says that after prayers on Thursday, Israeli police were patrolling a rally of several hundred Palestinians in the neigh-

borhood of Issawiya.

Zamzam says they beat the residents after fatally shooting 20-year-old Mohamed Obeid. A cellphone video shows a policeman kicking a Palestinian already on the ground as an officer was arresting him.

The protests continued Friday.

Zamzam's account differs from that of police spokes-

man Micky Rosenfeld, who said protesters hurled stones and explosive devices at the Israeli patrol. He said an officer, acting in self-defense, shot a suspect who launched firecrackers toward police at "extremely close range."

Palestinians and human rights groups have accused Israel of using excessive force. □

## Putin uses G-20 to strengthen alliances, soothe tensions

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**  
**Associated Press**

**OSAKA, Japan (AP)** — Russia's President Vladimir Putin used a series of talks with global leaders at the Group of 20 summit on Friday to strengthen old alliances and try to soothe tensions with rivals.

Putin used his meetings with the leaders of China and India to find common ground on issues such as opposing protectionism, while his long-delayed talks with the American and British leaders likelier touched on thornier issues.

Putin's meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump, their first full-fledged talks since their 2018 summit in Helsinki, Finland, was watched closely for the impact it may have on troubled U.S.-Russia ties.

The Russian leader laughed when a reporter shouted about warning Putin "not to meddle" in the 2020 U.S. election and Trump wagishly said: "Don't meddle in the election."

Putin has denied meddling in the 2016 U.S. vote despite the abundant evidence to the contrary uncovered by U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller.

The Russian president has charged that Russia-U.S. relations are now hostage to



**Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Chinese President Xi Jinping prepare for family photo session at G-20 leaders summit in Osaka, Japan, Friday, June 28, 2019.**

the U.S. political infighting, making any quick progress unlikely.

New rounds of anti-Russia sanctions followed the Helsinki meeting, and Trump later announced the withdrawal from a key arms control pact signed in 1987 with the then Soviet Union. Putin followed suit. The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty is set to terminate this summer, raising fears of a new arms race.

Putin has denounced the U.S. policies, but avoided

personal criticism of Trump in an apparent hope of negotiating a rapprochement.

He extensively praised Trump in an interview with the Financial Times published just before the summit, saying that the U.S. president's policies, such as building a wall on the border with Mexico, reflected his keen understanding of the issues that are important to voters.

"Ordinary U.S. citizens who feel concerned look at

it and say: 'He's a great guy; he's at least trying to propose a solution,'" Putin said.

Details of the Putin-Trump talks weren't immediately known.

The White House said the leaders discussed bilateral relations, arms control, as well as the situations in Iran, Syria, Venezuela, and Ukraine. The Kremlin has kept mum about the meeting.

In another closely-watched encounter, Putin met with

**Associated Press**

outgoing British Prime Minister Theresa May for the first time since 2016.

The long break reflected a bitter strain in ties, which plummeted over the March 4, 2018, nerve agent attack on double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in the city of Salisbury. They spent weeks in critical condition, but recovered. Britain has accused Russia of poisoning them with the nerve agent Novichok, accusations Moscow has denied.

In a tough note before the meeting, May said that Britain will push for the two Russian military intelligence officers accused of involvement in the attack to be brought to justice.

In the Financial Times interview, Putin again insisted that Russia had nothing to do with the poisoning and argued that bilateral ties are far more important than "the fuss about spies not worth five copecks."

The two leaders remained silent as they shook hands at the start of their meeting Friday.

According to Downing Street, May told Putin "there cannot be a normalisation of our bilateral relationship until Russia stops the irresponsible and destabilising activity." □

## Japan court orders compensation for kin of leprosy patients

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**  
**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)** — A Japanese court ordered the government on Friday to pay 370 million yen (\$3.4 million) in damages to the relatives of former leprosy patients over a segregation policy that severed family ties and caused long-lasting prejudice. Kumamoto District Court ruled that the segregation violated the human rights of the patients and their relatives.

The 561 plaintiffs demanded 5.5 million yen (\$52,000) each for financial and psychological suffering because of bullying and discrimination in education, jobs and marriage.

The court ruled that the government failed to stop



**Lawyer Yasuyuki Tokuda, second left, speaks following a court's order in Kumamoto, southern Japan Friday, June 28, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

the segregation until 1996, decades after leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, became curable in the late 1940s. More than 12,000 leprosy patients were kept

at 14 isolated sanatoriums across the country, and many were also forcibly sterilized. About 1,500 remain at the facilities today with their ties to families

and society severed.

In the ruling, Judge Kotaro Endo said Japan's parliament, through legislative negligence, destroyed the families and caused tremendous damage to their lives. Nobuko Harada, 75, is among the relatives. She said one day 68 years ago, a group of health officials suddenly came to her house, took away her father and spread antiseptic powder everywhere.

She said bullying started immediately. Her classmates at elementary school told her she was contagious and threw dirty rags at her. Her mother lost her job, and they lived on meager profits from peddling seafood. After she married at 17, her husband became abusive

after she told him about her father. "I've never had a happy moment in my life," she told NHK public television, holding a black and white photo of her father that she brought to the ruling. "But my heart has cleared today."

A 2001 court decision found the segregation policy unconstitutional and prompted government reparations, but only to former patients. Harada's father died at age 90 without hearing the ruling.

Harada thought it was unfair that there was no pity for the patients' families, who also suffered because of the segregation. She decided to file a lawsuit in 2016, joined by hundreds of others. □

## US sanctions Maduro's son as it raises pressure on Venezuela

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The Trump administration on Friday announced sanctions on the son of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in a move to increase pressure on family members of top officials backing the socialist leader and suspected of corruption.

The action by the U.S. Treasury Department freezes any U.S. assets belonging to Nicolas Maduro Jr. and prohibits American from doing business with him.

"Maduro's regime was built on fraudulent elections, and his inner circle lives in luxury off the proceeds of corruption while the Venezuelan people suffer," said Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. "Maduro relies on his son Nicolasito and others close to his authoritarian regime to maintain a stranglehold on the economy and suppress the people of Venezuela. Treasury will continue to target complicit relatives of illegitimate regime insiders profiting off of Maduro's corruption."

Until recently, the 29-year-old Maduro Jr. kept a low profile as a little-known flutist in Venezuela's world-famous network of youth orchestras. But his political



In this April 13, 2018 file photo, Nicolas Maduro Jr., center, accompanies his father, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro in a military parade, in Caracas, Venezuela.

career took off shortly after his father was elected president in 2013 and he was named to lead a newly created corps of inspectors of the presidency, fueling allegations of nepotism. He's also a member of the constitutional assembly, a rubber-stamping rival of the opposition-controlled congress charged with rewriting the nation's charter. In 2017, he delivered a fiery speech from the assembly vowing to storm the White House in response to

President Donald J. Trump's threat of military force to remove his father from power. "The rifles would arrive to New York, Mr. Trump. We would arrive and take the White House," he said. His sanctioning marks the start of a new strategy targeting family members of insiders.

A senior U.S. administration official said the Trump administration is considering expanding actions against family members of Maduro officials as part of its focus

on corruption by the socialist leader's top allies. To date, the Trump administration has sanctioned more than 100 top government officials and other insiders accused of corruption, human rights violations and drug trafficking, including Maduro himself and his wife, Cilia Flores.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity due to lack of authorization to discuss the matter on the record. The Trump administration has pursued a similar

approach to the children of businessmen close to Russian President Vladimir Putin — so-called second generation oligarchs — as well the kin of leaders from the designated terrorist group Hezbollah.

Maduro Jr., who closely resembles his father and is known almost universally as "Nicolasito" — or "Little Nicolas" — is also a leader in the ruling socialist party's youth wing and previously was coordinator of the government-run film school, despite having no known previous experience in cinema.

According to the U.S. Treasury Department, Maduro Jr. has also been involved in propaganda and censorship effort and has profited from Venezuelan mines along with Maduro and Flores. Treasury also alleges that he helped devise a strategy this year to pressure Venezuela's military to deny humanitarian aid from entering the country by characterizing it as an attempt to undermine democracy. He also allegedly worked to increase censorship of Venezuela's telecommunications infrastructure, framing the censorship as necessary because of U.S. Government activities. □

## South American bloc strikes long-sought Europe trade deal

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

LORNE COOK

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — South America's Mercosur trade bloc struck a "strategic association" trade deal with the European Union on Friday after two decades of negotiations, the two sides announced. The agreement clinched in the Belgian capital of Brussels is "an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive agreement" that sends a strong positive signal amid global trade tensions, according to an EU statement.

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker described the pact with the group made up of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay



In this July 14, 2017 file photo, Argentina's Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie attends a meeting at the Itamaraty Palace, in Brasilia, Brazil.

and Uruguay, reached exactly 20 years after talks were launched as "a historical moment."

"In the midst of international trade tensions, we are

sending today a strong signal with our Mercosur partners that we stand for rules-based trade," Juncker said. Argentina's Foreign Ministry said the agreement "will

mean the integration of a market of some 800 million people, nearly a fourth of the world's gross domestic product and more than \$100 billion in bilateral trade of goods and services."

The ministry said the deal also is aimed at strengthening political and cultural ties with the EU, improving access to goods, services and investments by reducing restrictions and easing access to technology and raw materials.

Juncker said the deal would remove most tariffs on EU exports to Mercosur, saving more than 4 billion euros (\$4.5 billion) worth of duties each year, four times as much as Europe's pact with Japan. The commission, which negotiates

trade deals on behalf of the 28-nation EU, said the agreement is particularly important for industrial sectors like cars and car parts, machinery, chemicals, pharmaceuticals as well as clothing and footwear.

The deal still must be ratified by the legislatures of all the countries involved.

The agreement brings to 15 the number of pacts the EU has concluded since 2014, most recently with Canada and Japan, and comes as the bloc pushes ahead with international trade deals. It is determined to remain a flag-bearer of the global rules-based system at a time when that system is being challenged by a Trump administration skeptical of free trade. □

## LOCAL



## Post Aruba emitted a new set of "Sport Stamps 2019" Honoring our Local Athletes

**ORANJESTAD** —Post Aruba N.V. emitted a new set of stamps called "Sport Stamps 2019". This set consists of four (4) stamps valued at 220c each for a total amount of Afl.8,80. The accompanied Souvenir Sheet will be sold for the price of Afl. 8,80. The first-day-envelope costs Afl. 10,55. The stamps are designed by Mr. Armando Goedge-drag. They are printed by the Johan Enschedé Security Print.

Post Aruba is honoring four out of the many Talented Local Athletes. These Athletes are dedicated and passionate about the Sport they Master, and Aruba is proud with their achievement. This should be a motivation for other youngsters, setting goals and even surpassing their expectations. As parents, we know all the benefits that sports can have on our children's physical, emotional, and social development. We want to encourage our children to play Sports for as long as they can. Here follows some points: Make it fun for them; Do not coach; Setting healthy expectations; Continue cheering them on and teach them how to handle failure. Par-



ticipating in Sports keeps children physically fit. Another important benefit of Sport is that children learn important virtues of life. Much more can be said but here follows our short summary on the achievements from our four Talented Local Athletes.

### 220 cents: Windsurfing

Sarah-Quita Najive Offringa is a professional windsurfer of Aruba. While doing her best to achieve both her "VWO-diploma" in Aruba and afterwards her Bachelor Degree Laws in The Netherlands, she managed to participate successfully in different international windsurf championships around the world, and now she is the youngest athlete who has won 15 World titles in her career around the world. Her specialties are slalom and freestyle, but during different wave competitions she ended many

times in the top three. She has been consistently nominated for many Awards like the ISAF World Sailor of the Year Awards. (ISAF-International Sailing Federation) For her performances she was knighted in 2013 as "Ridder in de Orde van Oranje Nassau".

### 220 cents: Baseball

Xander Jan Bogaerts is an Aruban professional baseball player for the Boston Red Sox of Major League Baseball and the Netherlands national baseball team. Besides a lot of individual Awards, as member of the Aruban youth selection he has won the Latin American Championship, the Junior League World Series and Senior League World Series Championship, but the biggest successes are his two titles of the MLB World Series in 2013 and 2018. He is one of the league's top shortstops.

He won the Silver Slugger Award in 2015 and 2016 for being the best offensive player at his position in the American League.

Xander: "I have learnt the importance of teamwork and believing in one's self and striving to give my best all the time, even under pressure. Given my experience I enjoy sharing my knowledge and helping others realise their potential."

### 220 cents: Bicycle Motocross

At the age of five this talented young girl named Shanayah Shaljenhka Howell showed that she was by far the best BMX-cyclist in Aruba. After winning all there was to win during the BMX-competitions in Aruba, she was ready to conquer the world. In the year 2006 she brought the very first world title to Aruba, by winning the UCI BMX World Championship in Brazil. Shanayah repeated this nice performance becoming BMX world champion in Canada in 2017. In 2018 she won gold in Costa Rica, riding in the Pro Elite Class.

More than once she has received recognition awards

nationally as well internationally.

In 2008 she was awarded the "Lieutenant-Governor Felipe Tromp Award".

### 220 cents: Taekwondo

Chiara Isabella Petrocchi's rising star started in 2012, winning gold at the All Star International Open Taekwondo in Orlando.

In the Caribbean and Latin and North America she has won bronze, silver and gold at International competitions, such as Pan-American Open in Costa Rica, Canada, Mexico, Las Vegas (U.S.A.).

In 2018 she ended in Tunisia on the fifth place during the World Championship.

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## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors at La Quinta Beach Resort

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delicious food. Also honored as Goodwill Ambassador was **Jeanette Boekstaaf** from New York, who loves coming to the island for relaxing time, beautiful weather and the feeling of safety.

Heyliger together with representatives of Costa Linda Beach Resort presented the honorees with the certificate and handed over some additional presents, thanking them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □



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## Team Aruba heads north looking for victory



**EPPING — Team Aruba is leaving nice and sunny Aruba to head to the NHRA New England Nationals. Held in New Hampshire, this race is the northernmost event for Team Aruba and quite a haul from the One Happy Island. After making the flight from Aruba to their race shop in Union, S.C. the team then makes the nearly 1000 mile drive to New Hampshire. The Eman family and crew are thrilled to be back racing with NHRA, making every second of travel time well worth it.**

Their Aruba.com Mustang has been

a thing of beauty both on and off the track since they debuted it last fall, so the team has high hopes for a good performance in Epping.

"We're grateful for our hard working crew who put in dedicated hours at the track, at home and in between," expressed team owner Ven Eman. "Hennito and Kohn Peterson will do all the highway driving to get us to the event."

"We have a fresh Jon Kaase motor in the car, tuned and ready to go. We're anxious to get the Aruba.

com Mustang back to the track and see what we can do. Hopefully the weather works in our favor and we'll be able to put on a great show for our fans and turn on some win lights for our One Happy



Island."

Mountain Motor Pro Stock qualifying begins Friday afternoon with final eliminations on Sunday.

"Although New England is nice this time of year, we know it gets cold during the winter. We've had several of our racing competitors from that area come vacation with us during the off season, which is a nice reprieve during the bitter New England winter."

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## Film Workshop dictated by Sharelly Emanuelson in partnership with Atelier'89



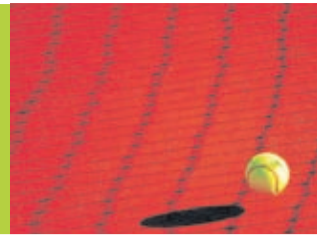
ORANJESTAD — Atelier'89 proudly present 'PRETIWOWO' (the apple of my eye) a red carpet event that will take place on Sunday June 30, 2019 at Windcreek Theatre and Casino starting at 8PM.

Pretiwowo is a screening filled with short films presented by participants of the film workshop dictated by local artist Sharelly Emanuelson. One of the best ways to learn filmmaking is to get inspired by other filmmakers, and to try out new techniques. This year they were honored to have Sharelly in their residence giving a film workshop to fifteen participants once a week for a month. The participants learned new techniques and ideas. For example; How to configure and film individual images, how to use sound and how to bring them together to tell a story and influence what people feel about it. At the end of the workshop, each one had the task of creating a short film.

Sharelly Emanuelson (1986) is a filmmaker & video artist based in the Dutch Caribbean. She acquired her B.A. in Audiovisual Media from the School of Arts, Utrecht, followed by a M.A. in Artistic Research at the Royal Academy of Art, The Hague. Her first documentary film "Su Solo I Playanan" (2010) won an audience award at the Africa in the Picture film festival (2012). "Su Solo" was screened at several film festivals and public debate platforms. With her latest video installation "Doh mix meh up" she won the 2014 Royal Academy of Art Master award.

Atelier's 89 together with Sharelly Emanuelson, DJ Adriano Nanof and all participants of the film workshop would like to invite you to join them at the screening of these short films. For more information visit the facebook page Atelier'89 or cal 588-5776. □

# SPORTS



Nate Lashley squats on the 18th green during the second round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic golf tournament, Friday, June 28, 2019, in Detroit.  
Associated Press

## Nate Lashley shoots 67 to keep Rocket Mortgage Classic lead

By LARRY LAGE  
AP Sports Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — Cameron Champ played one of the best stretches on the PGA Tour this season, matching the lowest nine-hole score and the longest birdie-eagle streak.

Champ had an 8-under 28 on the front nine thanks, shooting under par for six straight holes.

The rookie cooled off on a steamy day with a 1-over 37 on the back nine, closing with a bogey after pushing a 4-foot putt just to the right and past the cup for a 7-under 65.

Nate Lashley took advantage of the opportunity to put his name on top of the leaderboard for the second straight day. Lashley shot a 67, putting him at 14-under 130 for a one-shot lead at scoring-friendly Detroit Golf Club.

"A lot of the weeks the courses are really difficult, so it's a nice change coming here," said Lashley, who is ranked No. 353 in the world.

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# IT'S A RAPINOE



## Rapinoe scores twice to lead U.S. past France 2-1 in World Cup

United States' Megan Rapinoe celebrates after scoring her side's second goal during the Women's World Cup quarterfinal soccer match between France and the United States at the Parc des Princes, in Paris, Friday, June 28, 2019.

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Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a ball during a training session at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Associated Press

## Possible Federer-Nadal SF; Venus faces 15-year-old

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
 AP Tennis Writer

**WIMBLEDON, England (AP)** — Within the first minute of the Wimbledon draw ceremony Friday there arrived a bit of information many were wondering about: Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal were indeed set up for a potential semifinal meeting, with Novak Djokovic possibly awaiting that showdown's winner in the final.

Toward the end of the proceedings came the most fascinating first-round matchup of all: 39-year-old Venus Williams, a five-time champion at the All England Club, against 15-year-old American Coco Gauff, the youngest player to qualify at the All England Club in the half-century Open era.

In between, there were plenty of other things to keep an eye out for once the grass-court Grand Slam tournament begins Monday, including the placement of Venus' younger sister, Serena, in what shapes up as by far the toughest quarter of the women's field. She might need to beat defending champion Angelique Kerber in the fourth round, then No. 1 Ash Barty in the quarterfinals.

Gauff grew up idolizing the Williams sisters, who have both been ranked No. 1 and own a combined 30 Grand Slam singles titles.

"They're the reason why I wanted to pick up a tennis racket," Gauff, who is ranked 301st this week, said in an interview posted on Wimbledon's Twitter feed. "And I met them both, and they're both super-kind people, and I'm just super-happy and thankful that they chose to play tennis."

With defending champion Djokovic in the top half of the men's bracket, he'll now only need to beat at most one of the No. 2-seeded Federer or No. 3-seeded Nadal, because they were drawn together in the bottom half.

Nadal is ranked No. 2, and Federer No.

3, but that was reversed by Wimbledon's seeding system, which takes into account grass-court results over the past two years. The possible men's quarterfinals are No. 1 Djokovic against No. 7 Stefanos Tsitsipas, and No. 4 Kevin Anderson, last year's runner-up, against No. 6 Alexander Zverev on one side of the field, and Federer vs. No. 8 Kei Nishikori, and Nadal vs. No. 5 Dominic Thiem on the other. Nadal-Thiem would be a rematch of the 2018 and 2019 French Open finals, both won by Nadal.

The women's quarterfinals could include Barty against No. 11 seed Serena Williams or No. 5 Kerber; No. 3 Karolina Pliskova against No. 8 Elena Svitolina; No. 2 Naomi Osaka against No. 7 Simona Halep; No. 4 Kiki Bertens against No. 6 Petra Kvitova, the two-time champion who must decide whether to play after being sidelined with an injured left forearm.

The quarter with Serena Williams, Barty and Kerber also includes past Wimbledon champions Garbiñe Muguruza and Maria Sharapova, and strong grass-court players Julia Goerges, Belinda Bencic, Donna Vekic, Kaia Kanepi and Alison Riske. Kerber could meet Sharapova in the third round. At least the younger Williams, who as usual skipped the grass-court tuneup events, gets a chance to work herself into form. She opens against a qualifier, 162nd-ranked Giulia Gatto-Monticone of Italy, then could face another qualifier in the second round. Nadal starts off against qualifier Yuichi Sugita of Japan, and Federer's first opponent is Lloyd Harris, a 22-year-old South African making his Wimbledon debut.

Djokovic will get things going at Centre Court on Monday against Philipp Kohlschreiber, a former top-20 player who was a 2012 quarterfinalist at Wimbledon and beat Djokovic on a hard court at Indian Wells, California, this year. □



Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova returns the ball to Kiki Bertens, of the Netherlands, on day six of the Nature Valley International tennis tournament at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, England, Friday June 28, 2019.

Associated Press

## Kerber to play Pliskova in Eastbourne final

**EASTBOURNE, England (AP)**

— Reigning Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber will face Karolina Pliskova for the Eastbourne title after semifinal opponent Ons Jabeur withdrew with a right ankle injury on Friday.

Jabeur rolled the ankle on Thursday in the quarterfinals and couldn't recover in time for her second career semifinal.

Chasing her first title since she beat Serena Williams in last year's Wimbledon final, Kerber will play in the Eastbourne final for the third time after losing in 2012 and 2014.

The second-seeded Pliskova didn't face a single break point in beating Kiki Bertens 6-1, 6-2. For Pliskova, it was her third consecutive match dropping three games or fewer.

"I'm just pleased that I made it," Pliskova said. "I didn't spend too much energy and too much time on

court." Bertens stumbled and hit her head on the court at 1-0 in the second set and went on to lose the next five games.

Pliskova beat Caroline Wozniacki to win the Eastbourne title in 2017 after losing to Dominika Cibulkova the year before.

Kerber has a 7-4 record against Pliskova and won their only previous meeting on grass in Birmingham in 2015. Pliskova is 2-1 in finals this season and won the Italian Open last month.

Kerber will start her Wimbledon title defense against Tatjana Maria and is in the same quarter of the draw as Williams and French Open champion Ash Barty. There's an all-American final in the men's draw as Taylor Fritz plays Sam Querrey. Both are unseeded. Fritz upset third-seeded Kyle Edmund 7-6 (8), 6-3, while Querrey downed Italian qualifier Thomas Fabbiano 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3. □



## Rapinoe has 2 goals and U.S. knocks France out 2-1

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Controversy didn't drive Megan Rapinoe, the big moment did. Rapinoe turned turmoil into triumph Friday night, scoring twice in the much-anticipated clash with host France to send the defending champion United States into the semifinals of the Women's World Cup with a 2-1 victory.

Two days earlier, Rapinoe had been called out on social media by President Donald Trump after video surfaced of her saying she wouldn't visit the White House if the United States won the tournament, and the critics pounced. Rapinoe shrugged them off by facing the crowd with her arms raised in celebration after both her goals.

"I don't really get energized by haters or all that, I feel there are so many more people that love me," she said with a laugh. "I'm more energized by that."

Now the top-ranked Americans are headed to Lyon to face No. 3 England in a semifinal match Tuesday.

France had been vying to become the first nation to simultaneously hold the men's and women's World Cup trophies but fell well short as their aggressive play, home-field advantage and flag-waving crowd that belted out La Marseillaise failed to faze the ever-confident U.S. team.

Rapinoe, her hair highlighted with a pastel pink, scored on a free kick in the fifth minute that bounced between French players and past goalkeeper Sarah Bouhaddi. She did it again in the 65th minute after blasting a cross from Tobin Heath that Bouhaddi dove for but couldn't stop. It was her fifth goal of the tournament.

Fourth-ranked France pulled back on Wendie Renard's header off Gaetane Thiney's free kick in the 81st. It was the 6-foot-2 defender's fourth World Cup goal and gave the home crowd at the sellout Parc des Princes hope.

"I mean, you have to give



United States' Megan Rapinoe celebrates with teammates after scoring her side's first goal during the Women's World Cup quarterfinal soccer match between France and the United States at the Parc des Princes, in Paris, Friday, June 28, 2019.

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it up to the French team. I think they outplayed us for sure with the ball, but we were so good defensively, so strong. We hit them where it hurt. We took our chances," Rapinoe said. "This team — unreal, unreal amount of heart."

The U.S. team is used to grabbing attention both on and off the field. Rapinoe was caught up in a controversy this week when a video surfaced of her using an expletive while vowing not to visit the White House. While the interview was from January, it attracted the president's attention and he tweeted: "Megan should never disrespect our Country, the White House, or our Flag, especially since so much has been done for her & the team." Trump also said he would invite the team, win or lose.

A day before the match, Rapinoe said she stood by her comments, except the coarse language. Rapinoe, who also had a pair of goals on penalty kicks in the United States' 2-1 victory over Spain to open the

knockout stage, even suggested the uproar might help her team. "I think, if anything, it just fires everybody up a little bit more," she said.

Coach Jill Ellis said Rapinoe's night was typical of the outspoken 33-year-old playing in her third World Cup.

"She's just a big personality on and off the pitch and I think she honestly thrives off these big moments," Ellis said.

The United States went to a five-player backline and repeatedly kept the aggressive French team at bay. Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher was stellar in the second half, fighting off a flurry of attempts until Renard's header.

"I'm proud of the defense, sliding, blocking shots, denying service, denying crosses coming in," Naeher said. "France's offense is potent and can hurt you in so many ways and I thought our defense held strong all night. It's an honor to be behind them."

The Americans have played

the French 24 times, with France winning just three. But the three matches prior to Friday's quarterfinal had tilted toward France, with two wins and a draw.

"The media and fans and everyone bought into this being a final being played as a quarterfinal match. And it was. I feel like it was a great match," U.S. star Alex Morgan said. "I think we have the edge on them in World Cups and major tournaments, but lately they've had the edge on us with friendlies. So I think it was a great match for both of us."

Because of the loss Friday, France does not qualify for the 2020 Olympics. The top three European finishers at the World Cup qualify.

"Yes, it is a failure on a footballing level," France coach Corinne Diacre said through a translator. "I don't think we should shy away from that. We're a long way off our target and it is a failure on the pitch. But I hope that we have attained something elsewhere tonight, I hope we

have won over the hearts and minds of the public. I hope this will help the women's game to go further to move into the next level."

Les Bleues also reached the quarterfinals at the 2015 World Cup in Canada but fell to Germany on penalties after a 1-1 draw. The team's best finish at the tournament was fourth in 2011. The victory over France was Jill Ellis' 125th match as the U.S. coach, surpassing April Heinrichs for the career record. It was also her 100th victory.

The United States already has three World Cup trophies, most of any nation. The Americans emphatically beat Japan 5-2 to win in Canada four years ago. □



## Rocket Mortgage

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Charles Howell III (67) was two shots back. J.T. Poston (63) and Ryan Armour (69) were another stroke back. Dustin Johnson, the world's second-ranked player, and U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland finished at 2 under to miss the cut by three strokes.

"It just seemed like every time I hit a bad shot, it was in the wrong spot and made bogey," said Johnson, who had four of five bogeys on his back nine.

Woodland opened with a 72 in his first start since winning his first major and bounced back with a 69, an up-and-down round with eight birdies and five bogeys.

He and Johnson will have an extra couple of days to prepare for the British Open.

"Yeah, I need to get ready, but I'm excited about Portrush," Woodland said. "I've heard great things. But I've got some work to

do, just tighten some things up. I wasn't prepared as much as I probably should have been this week. But two weeks off, I'll have plenty of time and I'll be ready to go."

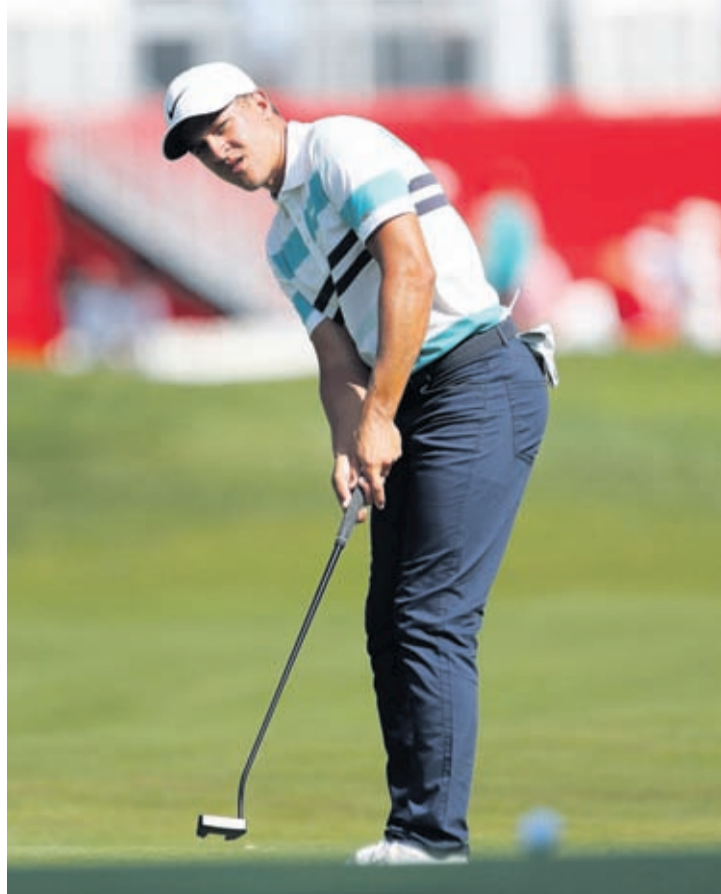
Chez Reavie, who won the Travelers Championship last week, and Bubba Watson also failed to make it to the weekend.

Reavie was tied for fourth entering the day and was 6 under on his 13th hole of the second round. He closed with a bogey, double bogey and triple bogey to plummet to 1-under 143. Watson shot a 75 after opening with a 68.

The 36-year-old Lashley slipped into the tournament as an alternate Wednesday.

"The way I'm playing, yeah, I feel like I should be out here every week," he said. Lashley is No. 132 in the FedEx Cup standings.

"I need a good week and move up into that top 125," he said. "To do it this week comfortably would be



**Cameron Champ putts on the 10th green during the second round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic golf tournament, Friday, June 28, 2019, in Detroit.**

**Associated Press**

great. To be able to kind of relax the last few events of the season would be really nice." Lashley's only top-10 finish during his two-year PGA Tour career was

in February, when he tied for eighth at the Puerto Rico Open. The 24-year-old Champ won the Sanderson Farms Championship in October and added a

pair of top-10 finishes in November. In his last 10 tournaments, though, he has missed seven cuts and withdrawn once with a finish no better than a tie for 54th. Champ, who is from Sacramento, California, leads the tour in driving distance at 316.6 yards and ranks 187th in accuracy.

After a ringing phone distracted him on the 17th tee, he sent a 320-yard drive to the left into the rough behind a tree 251 yards to the pin. Champ originally planned to use a 3-iron before choosing a 4-iron for his second shot and sent a low line drive under branches that left him 91 feet away.

"I was just looking to see if I could get a 3-iron out of that lie," he said. "There was no chance."

His chip set him up for a 9-footer for birdie, his only one on the back nine.

"The back side I really didn't play terrible, I just hit a few shots that kind of limited my ability to get it close to the hole," he said. □

## Stricker goes low again for US. .Senior Open 36-hole mark

By JOHN FINERAN

**Associated Press**

**SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) —**

The boys from Madison are making it look easy at Notre Dame in the U.S. Senior Open.

For the second straight day, Steve Stricker and Jerry Kelly, friends and competitors since their junior years in Wisconsin, took apart the rain-softened Warren Golf Course, each shooting bogey-free rounds of 6-under 64 in the second round Friday.

Stricker broke the tournament 36-hole record at 14-under 126, a day after shooting an event-record 62 for a share of the first-round lead with defending champion David Toms. Kelly, a playoff winner over Stricker and Retief Goosen last week in the Madison event that Stricker hosts, was two strokes back after their morning rounds.

"I've known Jerry from a young age when we were playing amateur events and junior events across Wisconsin," said the



**Steve Stricker tees off on the ninth hole during the second round of the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament Friday, June 28, 2019, in South Bend, Ind.**

**Associated Press**

52-year-old Stricker, the Regions Tradition winner last month for his first major title. "It's good to see him playing well. I knew this course would set up well for him. He's doing everything well as it shows from winning last week."

Stricker has plenty of motivation from his loss Sunday when he missed a birdie putt on the final hole of regulation and bogeyed the first playoff hole.

"It stings a little bit," Stricker said. "I feel good going around this course. It fits my eye well. It's a treat to go around here and play, and I like what I've been doing so far."

The 53-year-old Kelly, who admits his personality is the polar opposite of Stricker's quiet nature, says they have helped each other during their low moments on both tours.

"It's competition and sup-

port and friendship," Kelly said. "I appreciate everything (Stricker's) done for my game. I hope he knows I've been there for him."

The victory last week was Kelly's fourth on the 50-and-over tour. He won three PGA Tour titles.

"Definitely a continuation of last week," he said. "(I've) got a great feel the last five weeks. It's low every week (on the PGA Tour Champions). So it teaches you to keep going, keep going."

Toms was third at 11 under after a 67. He played in the afternoon when wind the picked up.

"I had some ups and downs, not quite as solid as yesterday but not many days are," Toms said. "I think the wind played a factor, what wind we had in the middle of the round, as far as trying to get a ball close to the pin. You had to pay attention to that."

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen had a 65 to get to 9 under in Senior Open debut. The South

African rebounded from a bogey on the 13th hole with four straight birdies.

"It's nice to have that finish and (be) five behind with two rounds to go," Goosen said. "Just got to get on a good run."

Bob Estes (65), Chris DiMarco (66) and Kirk Triplett (68) followed at 8 under.

Among those returning for the weekend is Tom Watson, who matched his age with a 69 on Thursday and bettered it Friday with an afternoon 68 that included consecutive birdies at holes 15-17. "I wanted to be here on the weekend again," Watson said. "At my age, you never know how many more USGA championships you're going to play in."

Watson's long-time rival, 18-time major winner Jack Nicklaus, is now a behind-the-ropes fan and raised his arms in celebration next to wife Barbara when son Gary, playing in his first Senior Open, birdied his final hole for a 71 that left him at 1-under 139 and also playing this weekend. □



Tampa Bay Rays' Brandon Lowe, right, beats the tag by Minnesota Twins catcher Jason Castro to score the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly by Yandy Diaz in the 18th inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 27, 2019, in Minneapolis. The Rays won 5-2.

Associated Press

## Rays top Twins 5-2 in 18 innings to end trip on high note

By The Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Yandy Díaz hit a sacrifice fly for Tampa Bay in the 18th inning to break a tie that lasted since the second, and the Rays finally pulled away from Minnesota to avoid being swept in a series by the Twins for the first time in 13 years.

Ryan Yarbrough (7-3), the eighth reliever and the 22nd player used by the Rays during the game that lasted 5:42 after rain delayed the first pitch by 57 minutes, threw three scoreless innings for the victory.

After the first eight relievers for the Twins allowed just two hits over a combined 10 innings, Ryne Harper (3-1) faltered in the 18th while pitching for the third straight game and the sixth time in the past 10 days.

### RANGERS 3, TIGERS 1

**DETROIT (AP)** — Joey Gallo hit two solo homers and Ariel Jurado threw seven shutout innings and Texas completed a three-game sweep of Detroit.

Texas has won five straight games, matching a season high.

Gallo led off the second inning by driving Spencer Turnbull's pitch deep into the right-field seats. With two outs in the fourth inning, Gallo lined Nick Ramirez's pitch over the left-field wall. Gallo has 19 homers on the season.

It was Gallo's eighth multi-homer game and his first since Aug. 8, 2018, against the Seattle Mariners.

The Tigers have lost seven in a row overall, as well as their past seven home games.

Jurado (5-3) allowed six hits as he improved to 4-1 as a starter this season. He struck out four and walked just one. Jurado has won four of his past five decisions.

### ANGELS 8, ATHLETICS 3

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Shohei Ohtani and Kole Calhoun each hit two-run homers, Griffin Canning allowed only three hits over six innings and Los Angeles beat Oakland for its fourth straight win.

Both homers were to center field and came on sinker pitches by Tanner Anderson (0-3). Calhoun's drive gave Los Angeles a 2-1 lead in the second. Ohtani's shot came during a five-run third that broke the game open.

Canning (3-4) surrendered both his runs on solo shots. Ramon Laureano lined a slider over the wall in left-center in the second and Matt Olson connected on a fastball in the fourth. □



Los Angeles Dodgers' Cody Bellinger hits a foul ball that struck a fan in the stands during the first inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Sunday, June 23, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## Fans elect historically young NL lineup for All-Star Game

By JAKE SEINER

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Surrounded by sweet-swinging sluggers Christian Yelich, Cody Bellinger and Ronald Acuña Jr., All-Star stalwart Nolan Arenado is set for a new role with the National League — elder statesman. “It shows how good these young guys are,” Arenado said.

The five-time All-Star will be joined by a bumper crop of talent in one of the youngest All-Star Game lineups ever — a millennial-heavy NL group that could make history at the midsummer showcase in Cleveland on July 9. Major League Baseball revealed the results from fan balloting for its All-Star starters Thursday, and the average age of the eight NL starters is 25.8 years old. Depending on who is chosen as the club's designated hitter, the starting position players could be the youngest ever, surpassing the 1967 NL and 2017 AL clubs, which averaged 26.0 years old.

“I’ve never seen this much young talent in the game,” said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, who will lead the NL. “There’s a lot of fun players to watch — talented and the personalities from some of these young players.”

Angels star Mike Trout was

the leading vote getter in the final round. He’ll be joined on the AL squad by three Astros — Alex Bregman, George Springer and Michael Brantley — and two Yankees — Gary Sánchez and DJ LeMahieu. The lineups are full of unlikely names. LeMahieu didn’t crack New York’s opening day lineup. Rangers designated hitter Hunter Pence could only find a minor league contract as a free agent last offseason. Diamondbacks second baseman Ketel Marte and Twins shortstop Jorge Polanco hardly garnered All-Star attention in previous years. Now they’re All-Star starters.

“It was quite a wild journey from this year to last year,” Pence said. “And to even be speaking about this now, is a miracle. It’s a blessing, and I’m very grateful.”

The NL’s oldest elected starters are 29-year-old Freddie Freeman from Atlanta and 28-year-old Arenado of Colorado.

“Some of these young players are unbelievable players,” Arenado said. “We’re fortunate to be in this time, when you get to see how good they are.”

Indians first baseman Carlos Santana was elected to start in his home park in the 33-year-old’s first All-Star

selection. He’ll be joined in the lineup by Brantley, a former teammate who left the Indians in free agency last offseason for a \$32 million, two-year deal with Houston. Brantley edged Yankees slugger Aaron Judge by 0.9% for the final outfield spot.

The Cubs’ Willson Contreras and Javier Baez will each start for the NL for the second straight year. Baez was elected at shortstop a year after starting at second. Only three other All-Stars have started in consecutive years at different positions.

Trout is set to be the sixth AL player to start six times before turning 28. The others are Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Ivan Rodriguez, Rod Carew and Ken Griffey Jr. It’s Trout’s eighth straight selection overall.

“I just enjoy going to them,” he said. “Every year it seems like I am slowing it down and embracing the experience. The first couple I was running around and it went so fast.”

Yelich was second in voting behind Trout. He homered in last year’s All-Star Game, then staged a second-half tear that ended in him winning NL MVP. He’s been just as good in 2019, leading the majors with 29 homers while hitting .332 with a 1.149 OPS. □



# Bamboozled! Segura's 3-run HR lifts Phillies over Mets 6-3



Philadelphia Phillies' Jean Segura hits a game-winning three-run home run off New York Mets relief pitcher Edwin Díaz during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, June 27, 2019, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 6-3.

## By The Associated Press

Jean Segura hit a three-run, walk-off homer against Edwin Díaz moments after Maikel Franco hit a tying, two-run shot against the closer in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Mets 6-3 Thursday to complete a four-game sweep.

New York's Todd Frazier hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off Hector Neris with one out in the ninth, but the Phillies rallied in the bottom of the inning — their fourth straight win since utility man Brad Miller brought a bamboo plant into the clubhouse as a good-luck charm.

Díaz (1-5) walked Cesar Hernandez to start, and Franco followed with his third homer of the series. He hit go-ahead, two-run homers in each of the first two games. Pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez walked with one out and advanced to second on Scott Kingery's hard-hit, bad-hop single off Frazier's glove at third.

Segura then slammed his 10th homer into the seats in left. He leaped on his

way down the first base line and got mobbed by teammates after circling the bases. It was Philadelphia's first four-game sweep against the Mets since Aug. 27-30, 2007.

## CUBS 9, BRAVES 7

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Craig Kimbrel dodged trouble for a save in his season debut when new teammate Anthony Rizzo dived into first base for the final out, and Chicago rallied from five runs down to beat Atlanta. Called up from Triple-A earlier in the day, Kimbrel struck out Brian McCann looking and induced a groundout from Johan Camargo to start the ninth inning. Ronald Acuña Jr. then doubled into Wrigley Field's ivy, and Dansby Swanson walked on four pitches. Freddie Freeman grounded sharply down the first base line, and Rizzo fielded and had to dive for the bag to beat Freeman.

Kimbrel earn his 334th career save and did it against his original team. The Cubs finalized a \$43 million, three-year contract with 31-year-old free agent on June 7, then sent the right-

hand to the minors to get himself ready.

Victor Caratini's two-run homer capped the Cubs' four-run fifth inning that put them ahead for good. Kyle Schwarber also went deep for the Chicago, which got three RBIs from Jason Heyward on a warm day at Wrigley Field with steady wind blowing out to left.

## BREWERS 4, MARINERS 2

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Orlando Arcia hit a three-run homer and Milwaukee avoided a three-game sweep with a win over Seattle.

Chase Anderson (4-2) bounced back after he allowed six runs in his previous start. Anderson allowed two runs, one earned, and struck out six in 5 1/3 innings. He also kicked off a four-run fourth inning with an RBI sac bunt with the bases loaded. Arcia followed and slammed Mike Leake's next pitch to right for a three-run homer before Leake retired Yasmani Grandal to end the inning.

Leake (7-7) allowed four runs, eight hits and a walk while striking out five over six innings.

Josh Hader earned his 19th

save of the season, striking out three batters over two scoreless innings.

## PIRATES 10, ASTROS 0

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Josh Bell homered for the second straight game as one of five home runs by Pittsburgh as the Pirates routed the Houston Astros for the second game. Former Astro Joe Musgrove (6-7) threw six scoreless innings for the win and Kevin Newman, Corey Dickerson, Starling Marte and Jacob Stallings added home runs for the Pirates to send Houston to its ninth loss in 11 games.

The Pirates picked up where they left off in Wednesday night's 14-2 rout of Houston when Newman sent Brad Peacock's first pitch of the game into the seats in left field for his first career lead-off homer. He has a career-long 17-game hitting streak, which is the longest active streak in the majors. Houston starter Brad Peacock (6-6) allowed six runs in three innings, a game after Framber Valdez also made an early exit after the Pirates jumped on him for six runs through the first three.

## DODGERS 12, ROCKIES 8

**DENVER (AP)** — Chris Taylor drove in the go-ahead run with a bloop single as part of a four-run ninth, Max Muncy hit two of Los Angeles' six homers and the Dodgers won their 12th straight over Colorado.

It was another late-inning win over the Rockies for the Dodgers, who also got a three-run homer from pinch-hitter Kike Hernandez in the ninth. Los Angeles won three straight home games against Colorado last weekend — all in walk-off fashion. Taylor delivered his fourth hit of the game, a one-out single off Wade Davis (1-3) that dropped over the head of first baseman Daniel Murphy.

Pedro Baez (3-2) pitched a scoreless eighth to earn the win. Kenley Jansen struck out Garrett Hampson to end the game with two on in a non-save situation.

## DIAMONDBACKS 5, GIANTS 1

## SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Nick Ahmed hit a go-ahead home run leading off the fifth, Carson Kelly added a two-run shot in the seventh to help Alex Young win his major league debut, and Arizona beat San Francisco.

Young (1-0), called up from Triple-A Reno to get his first shot, allowed two hits and one run, struck out five with one walk in five innings.

The Diamondbacks won for the fourth time in five games following a six-game skid, extending their winning streak at San Francisco to five.

Tyler Beede (1-3) allowed two runs on four hits in 5 1/3 innings. Brandon Belt hit his 10th home run.

## NATIONALS 8, MARLINS 5

**MIAMI (AP)** — Juan Soto and Victor Robles each homered, and Washington rallied to beat Miami and sweep a three-game series. Robles and Matt Adams homered against starter Sandy Alcantara (4-7) during a five-run sixth inning that erased a 4-1 deficit. Kurt Suzuki also went deep, and Trea Turner had two hits and two stolen bases for the Nationals, who have won 8 of 10. □

## AP source: Celtics hire Kara Lawson as assistant coach

By **DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP Basketball Writer

Kara Lawson is the latest woman headed to the NBA to coach.

Lawson was hired by the Boston Celtics as an assistant coach according to a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on Friday on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't publicly announced the hire.

While Lawson hasn't coached in college or the pros, she has served as an adviser for USA Basketball's 3-on-3 teams over the past few years. She's also been a commentator for ESPN for the NBA and college basketball as well as being a TV analyst for the Washington Wizards over the past few seasons.

New York Liberty coach Katie Smith has no doubt that Lawson will do a phenomenal job with the Celtics. "She's a student of the game. Not only the X's

and O's," Smith said. "She's done the 3-on-3, and she's an analyst. She's always studying the game. For her it's the way she approaches the game. She's a great person and will connect really well and work really hard."

ESPN was the first to report the deal.

Lawson becomes the latest woman to serve as a coach in the NBA, joining San Antonio's Becky Hammon, Dallas' Jenny Boucek and Cleveland's Lindsay Gottlieb.

"Kudos to the NBA and their teams," Dallas Wings coach Brian Agler said. "They are opening their minds. Having coached some of these people, they really know the game."

The 38-year-old Lawson played in the WNBA from 2003-15 and won a title with the Sacramento Monarchs in 2005. Lawson also helped the U.S. win the gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. □

## Wie to take off rest of the year, try to get healthy



**Michelle Wie waits to putt on the first green during the second round of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship golf tournament, Friday, June 21, 2019, in Chaska, Minn.**

Associated Press

**JUPITER, Fla. (AP)** — Michelle Wie says she'll take a break for the rest of the year to try to get healthy.

Wie had surgery on her right hand in October and tried to return in February, completing one tournament. She sat out a month and returned to the LPGA Tour's first major and to her hometown event in Hawaii, both times missing the cut. After withdrawing from the U.S. Women's Open, the 29-year-old Wie played in the Women's PGA Championship at Hazeltine National and shot rounds of 84-82. In an Instagram post Friday, Wie says, "After doing everything I could to play this year, I have made the decision to take the rest of the year off from competitive golf." She says that will be her best chance to "finally get healthy." □



**In this March 16, 2019, file photo, San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, right, argues a call with referee Steve Anderson (35) during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers, in San Antonio.**

Associated Press

## NBA: Coaches likely to get 1 challenge per game next season

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

NBA coaches likely will be challenging one call per game next season.

The league told teams Friday that, pending expected approval by the board of governors on July 9, coaches may challenge a personal foul charged to their team, a called out-of-bounds violation, a goaltending violation or a basket-interference violation. No other call may be challenged.

"We anticipate this rule will be in effect in the NBA next season as a one-year pilot program," NBA Basketball Operations President Byron Spruell told teams in the memo, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press. ESPN first reported the memo's contents.

The NBA already has a call-challenge program in place in the G League and tinkered with it during summer league last year. It will be used during all three summer leagues this season — the four-team league in Sacramento and Salt Lake City that open Monday, and the one in Las Vegas that opens July 5.

Unlike the NFL version of a challenge, there's no flag

to be used and teams will not retain them even if successful.

A team will have to call timeout and the coach "must immediately signal for a challenge by twirling his/her index finger toward the referees," the memo said.

A challenge must come immediately after the play and challenges of out-of-bounds calls, goaltending or basket interference will not be permitted in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter or the last two minutes of overtime.

"As with other replay reviews, in order to overturn the event as called on the floor, there must be clear and conclusive visual evidence that the call was incorrect," the memo said. If the challenge is unsuccessful, the team will lose its timeout.

If the challenge is upheld, no timeout will be charged. Also likely coming to the league: Instant replay can be triggered by officials in the review center in Secaucus, New Jersey, without the involvement of the on-court crew.

The league said it wants to give the replay center the authority to review whether a shot was a 2-pointer or

3-pointer without on-court crews asking for it, as well as the ability to review potential shot-clock violations. A courtside administrator would be added to the crew at the scorer's table to communicate with the replay center and then be the liaison to announce any immediate scoring changes.

For summer league only, there will be a "transition take foul" — one free throw and retention of the ball when a defender commits a take foul against any offensive player during a transition scoring opportunity but does not meet the criteria of a clear-path foul. And in Las Vegas, a new high-tech element will make its debut.

What the NBA calls a "connected basketball" will sometimes be in use for those games. The NBA said it has been working with Spalding and other vendors to develop a basketball with a tracking chip inside, and prototypes will be tried out during the Vegas league.

Some companies have been in the smart-ball game for a few years, offering users the chance to use apps to track their accuracy and other data. □

## Politicians' tweets could get slapped with warning labels

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
AP Technology Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Presidents and other world leaders and political figures who use Twitter to threaten or abuse others could find their tweets slapped with warning labels.

The new policy, announced by the company on Thursday, comes amid complaints from activists and others that President Donald Trump has gotten a free pass from Twitter to post hateful messages and attack his enemies in ways they say could lead to violence. From now on, a tweet that Twitter deems to involve matters of public interest, but which violates the service's rules, will be obscured by a warning explaining the violation.

Users will have to tap through the warning to see the underlying message, but the tweet won't be removed, as Twitter might do with a regular person's posts.

Twitter said the policy applies to all government officials, candidates and similar public figures with more than 100,000 followers. In addition to applying the label, Twitter won't use its algorithms to "elevate"



President Donald Trump's Twitter feed is photographed on an Apple iPad in New York, Thursday, June 27, 2019.

or otherwise promote such tweets.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Keegan Hanks, research analyst for the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, who focuses on far-right extremist propaganda online. But, he added, Twitter is essentially arguing "that hate speech can be in the public interest. I am arguing that hate speech is never in the public interest."

Twitter refused to comment on whether any of Trump's past tweets violated its rules and would not say what role, if any, his Twitter activity played in the creation of the new warning-label policy.

The new stance could fuel additional Trumpian ire toward social media. The president routinely complains, without evidence, that social media sites are biased against him and

other conservatives.

Twitter's rules prohibit threatening violence against a person or group, engaging in "targeted harassment of someone," or inciting others to do so, such as wishing a person is harmed. It also bans hate speech against a group based on race, ethnicity, gender or other categories. Up to now, the company has exempted prominent leaders from many of those

rules, contending that publishing controversial tweets from politicians helps hold them accountable and encourages discussion.

But there have been long-standing calls to remove Trump from the service over what some have called abusive and threatening behavior.

Some activists complained this week after the president threatened Iran with "obliteration" in some areas if it attacks the U.S. Trump has also tweeted a video of himself beating up a man with a CNN logo in place of his head and retweeted seemingly faked anti-Muslim videos.

"Donald Trump has changed political discourse on Twitter and everywhere else, given the level of toxic statements he has made about vulnerable communities in America," Hanks said.

Other politicians could likewise become subject to warning labels.

In 2018, French prosecutors filed preliminary charges against far-right French politician Marine Le Pen for tweeting brutal images of Islamic State violence. Twitter prohibits material that is "excessively gory." □

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## Facebook enlists plain English to clarify how it makes money

By **RACHEL LERMAN**  
AP Technology Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Facebook is updating its terms and services guidelines to clarify how it makes money from the personal information of its users. The changes reflect its ongoing attempts to satisfy regulators in the U.S. and Europe, which have urged the company to make sure users know what they are signing up for.

The guideline changes, announced Thursday, are largely cosmetic. The updates don't change Facebook's underlying policies.

Facebook has come under fire with regulators in Europe, and increasingly in the U.S., for how it handles personal information collected on its site — and how transparent it



This April 25, 2019, file photo shows the thumbs-up "Like" logo on a sign at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

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is with users.

The company said it made the updates after working with a European consumer protection group and regulators around the world.

The European Commission noted Facebook's agreement

to make the changes in April, saying the commission requested changes "to clearly inform consumers how the social network gets financed." This is how Facebook's new guidelines tackle that challenge: "Instead of paying to

use Facebook and the other products and services we offer, by using the Facebook Products covered by these Terms, you agree that we can show you ads that businesses and organizations pay us to promote on and off the Facebook Company Products."

The terms and services spell out that even if users delete material from the site, it might still exist on Facebook's servers for 90 days. It also makes clear that violating the company's policies could get posts removed from the site and explains that users still own the material they post online, although Facebook may use it.

But at nearly 10 pages long in PDF form, Facebook is still facing the most common problem with lengthy terms

and services — people rarely read them.

Facebook will issue a blog post on the changes, which go into effect July 31, but won't require users to agree again to the updated terms. It also won't promote the updates on people's Facebook feeds. The company said it decided not to make people re-sign the agreement because the changes merely clarify existing policy and don't change it. Facebook, along with other big internet companies, have been increasingly scrutinized in the past year about how well they protect people's data and how they profit from it.

The company is under investigation from the Federal Trade Commission over its privacy practices. □

## Millennial Money: How to join the cannabis business boom

By **KELSEY SHEEHY**  
**NerdWallet**  
**Associated Press**

Marijuana is having a moment. Experts recently dubbed cannabis the fastest-growing industry in the U.S. Legal weed generated \$10.4 billion in the United States in 2018, and the number of "plant-touching" jobs is expected to pass 500,000 by 2022, according to New Frontier Data, a cannabis market research and data analysis firm. Investors have taken note, pumping \$10 billion into North American cannabis businesses last year — a good sign for budding entrepreneurs hoping to cash in on the green rush. But be warned, the cannabis industry is not for the faint of heart. Everything is harder — from opening a bank account to finding office space to hiring qualified employees — says Shane Schmitt, general manager of Wy'East Oregon Gardens, a cannabis cultivation and processing facility in Portland, Oregon. "It's more difficult than starting a business in any other area," says Schmitt, 43, a seasoned entrepreneur who previously worked in finance and construction. "There's not a playbook for an industry that people still think should be illegal." To succeed, you need more than a solid business plan and ace team (though those are crucial, too). You need to be truly passionate about cannabis, and not in the "I like to



In this June 20, 2019 photo a vendor with Talking Trees Farms a Northern Humboldt County sustainable cannabis farm, offers a taste of their latest crop of crafted marijuana flower to an attendee of WeedCon West 2019 in Los Angeles.

smoke weed" kind of way. "I have a different definition of passionate now. Passionate to me is 'What are you willing to take pain for?'" Schmitt says. "There's been a lot of pain." Doing your research from the get-go can help you stave off some of that pain. Groups like the National Cannabis Industry Association can help you connect with people working in the space, including in crucial areas like legal support, consulting and insurance. And cannabis conferences — yes, those are a thing — can help you network with other "ganjapreneurs." These lessons from industry vets can also help you anticipate potential chal-

lenges.

### DO WHAT YOU KNOW

You don't want to jump into a new venture with no relevant experience. The cannabis industry is no exception. "People often want to run a dispensary or set up a cultivation center and I ask, 'Well, have you ever done retail? Are you a farmer? Are you a botanist?'" says Morgan Fox, a spokesperson for the NCIA. Instead, do what you know — whether that's accounting, public relations or plumbing — and put a cannabis spin on it. "The thing about cannabis is you can apply it to pretty much anything," says Zac Smith, 38, founder of Travel-

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ing Hands Massage, a San Diego-based mobile massage company that uses oils infused with THC and CBD.

While Smith had nearly two decades of experience as a massage therapist, he had very little experience with making cannabis oils. "I was making the oil myself at home. It was messy and I realized there was no way I could keep it uniform," Smith says. So he found a guy with years of experience extracting THC and making oils to handle that aspect.

### THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

The legal cannabis industry is heavily regulated, but those regulations often don't cover every possible

business application. That means business owners like Ivan and Anne Wood have to take extra precautions to make sure they're in compliance.

The Woods run Mangia Ghanja, a cannabis-infused catering company in San Diego. Under recreational use rules, they can cater private events but they can't charge customers for cannabis-infused food unless the client provides them with the cannabis, the Woods say.

There aren't specific cannabis rules for the culinary industry in California, Anne says, which makes it difficult to find legal help to decipher regulations. "It's so new that we're still blazing that trail to figure out how to make it work."

### BEWARE THE GREEN TAX

"If you're touching the plant, everything costs twice as much," says Schmitt of Wy'East Oregon Gardens. In reality, though, the markup can be more than double.

A regulatory license with the city of Portland, for example, is \$3,500 per year for a cannabis business. That's in addition to state licensing fees, which can be as high \$5,750 per year. A traditional business might pay a few hundred dollars a year.

The so-called green tax applies to actual taxes, too. Plant-touching cannabis businesses can't deduct any business expenses on their taxes, so they pay the full effective tax rate. □

## Banks announce billions in share buybacks after Fed approval

By **KEN SWEET**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The nation's largest banks are rewarding shareholders by spending tens of billions raising their dividends and buying back stock after getting the green light from the Federal Reserve. The Fed on Thursday said it had approved the capital plans the nation's 18 largest banks submitted as part of this year's stress tests. That means it determined the banks could raise their



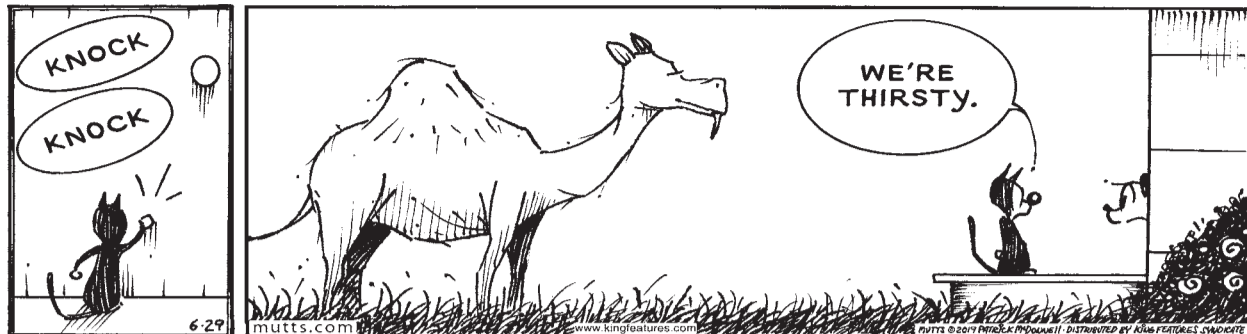
In this Feb. 8, 2019, file photo, the logo for Citigroup appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

**Associated Press**

dividends and buy back more shares this year and still have enough capital to survive a hypothetical deep recession in the next year. Immediately after the Fed's announcement, the major banks started unveiling their plans. JPMorgan, the nation's largest bank by assets, said it plans to buy back \$29.4 billion in shares this cycle. It would also increase its dividend 12.5% to 90 cents a share. Wells Fargo announced plans to buy back \$23.1 billion in

stock the next year and increase its dividend 13.3% to 51 cents a share. The bank remains under investigation by state and federal authorities for abusive banking practices. Citigroup said it would buy back \$17.1 billion in stock next year and also plans to increase its dividend to 13.3% to 51 cents a share. The Fed did ask one European bank, Credit Suisse, to fix a few issues in its capital plan and will revisit the bank's plan in four months. □

## Mutts



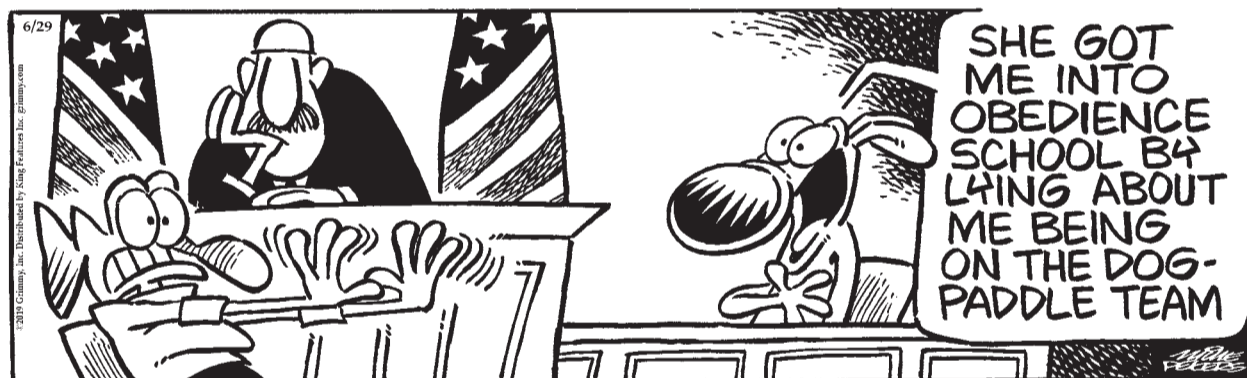
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## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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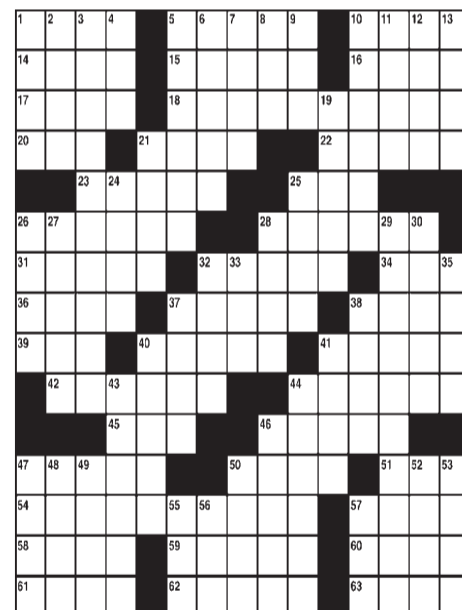
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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## ACROSS

- 1 Singer Fitzgerald
- 5 "Jack \_\_\_ could eat no fat..."
- 10 As \_\_\_ as molasses
- 14 Speaker's platform
- 15 Exchange
- 16 Word after Morse or zip
- 17 Picnic spoilers
- 18 Puts in a good word for
- 20 Encountered
- 21 Couldn't \_\_\_; had a nervous breakdown
- 22 Feeling of dread
- 23 \_\_\_ at; views
- 25 Peach stone
- 26 Grassland
- 28 Dorothy's home
- 31 Went public with
- 32 Cinnamon or nutmeg
- 34 Actor Chaney
- 36 Cast-\_\_\_ skillet
- 37 Rod
- 38 Hasn't a \_\_\_; is in the dark
- 39 Last calendar pg.
- 40 Reek
- 41 Verse writers
- 42 Witt or Yamaguchi
- 44 Negligible
- 45 Jewel
- 46 African nation
- 47 Cold fish with rice
- 50 Murder
- 51 Tit for \_\_\_
- 54 Three-sided
- 57 Laundry soap
- 58 Quiche ingredients
- 59 Blazing
- 60 Seep out
- 61 \_\_\_ up; confined
- 62 Carried
- 63 Individuals



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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## DOWN

- 1 Semi-hard cheese
- 2 "Penny \_\_\_"; Beatles song
- 3 U.S. state capital
- 4 Donkey
- 5 High blood pressure danger
- 6 Gets ready, for short
- 7 Churchill Downs event
- 8 "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 9 Mayor pro \_\_\_; interim position
- 10 Fragrances
- 11 \_\_\_ Beach, CA
- 12 Sports figures
- 13 "\_\_\_ Side Story"
- 19 New Hampshire's neighbor
- 21 Lung disorder
- 24 \_\_\_-and-shut case
- 25 Get ready for a trip
- 26 "I Am...I \_\_\_"; Neil Diamond song
- 27 Michelin products
- 28 Get a \_\_\_ out of; enjoy
- 29 Claim
- 30 Start of 2 U.S. state names
- 32 Recipe verb
- 33 Metal fastener
- 35 Tree house?
- 37 Flower stalk
- 38 Nickel or dime
- 40 Beer mug
- 41 Drama
- 43 Horrified
- 44 Was generous
- 46 Angry look
- 47 Word attached to father or ladder
- 48 Strong desire
- 49 Endorse
- 50 Skirt cut
- 52 Wood cutter
- 53 Golf ball holders
- 55 Gangster's gun
- 56 Martian's vehicle
- 57 Also

# Rights group accuses dairy farmers of animal cruelty again



Shown is the Reitz Dairy Farm near Shamokin, Pa., Friday, June 28, 2019.

By **MICHAEL RUBINKAM**  
**Associated Press**

Nearly a decade ago, animal rights activists targeted a Pennsylvania dairy farm over its treatment of livestock. The effort fell flat. Now they're back, launching a new round of allegations against the same family-run operation that milks hundreds of cows.

A PETA operative gained employment at Reitz Dairy Farm near Shamokin in central Pennsylvania this spring and spent two months surreptitiously shooting video that activists once again say shows severe maltreatment of the herd. The undercover probe sets up another potential legal tussle between People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and family farmers who say they properly care for their cattle.

PETA officials presented their evidence to state police last week. Police have opened an investigation, visiting the farm on Tuesday and requiring the owners to work with their veterinarian, said Cpl. Michael Spada, the Animal Cruelty Officer with the Pennsylvania State Police. The investigation remains open.

"Every day is pain and suffering for many of the animals at this farm," said Dan Paden, PETA's vice president of evidence analysis. "These animals are denied needed care for obvious injuries and severe lameness and they are kept in incredibly filthy conditions."

Reitz's owner, Lloyd Reitz

**Associated Press**

Sr., said he had no comment on the allegations when reached by phone on Thursday.

In 2010, Reitz and his son, Andy Reitz, were tried on summary animal cruelty charges after a similar undercover investigation. The judge cleared them, saying the video evidence was inconclusive and that he was persuaded by the testimony of the farm's long-time veterinarian, who said he never saw evidence of cruelty or negligence.

"There was no wanton intent to hurt any animals," the farmers' attorney, Roger Wiest II, argued then. He denounced PETA as an extremist group that had committed "domestic terrorism" by spying on the farm.

"Farming is a hard, dirty business," Wiest added, according to The News-

Item in Shamokin. "I believe you've made a mountain out of a molehill with this case."

PETA officials insist they had the goods — then and now.

The latest video, which PETA released publicly, purports to depict cows and calves wallowing in their own manure and urine in filthy barns with no bedding; cows with grotesquely swollen hind leg joints, or hocks, some of which had ruptured and were discharging blood and pus; animals with lameness; and a worker who uses a cane to repeatedly hit a cow that had become trapped in a stall, striking her on her sensitive udder.

The video was shot between April and June by a PETA field observer who got a full-time job at Reitz after PETA received a tip from one of the farm's regular employees. In an affidavit, the field observer recounted incidents of alleged abuse or neglect involving 28 cows and about 120 calves and said that farm managers refused to provide veterinary care for injured cattle.

Dr. Holly Cheever, a veterinarian who testified at the Reitzes' first trial and reviewed the new video for PETA, said that "severe hock injuries seem extremely common" on the farm

and require treatment with antibiotics.

"This is a woefully common form of neglect on dairy farms since once a cow is put on antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications to ease the pain, the milk cannot be shipped for human consumption during treatment and for a 'withdrawal' period of several days thereafter," she wrote in an analysis. "Thus, the economics dictate a complete lack of treatment." □



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## 40 tons of fishing nets retrieved in Pacific Ocean cleanup



This photo taken June 18, 2019, provided by the Ocean Voyages Institute, shows a large net that was removed from the ocean during the Pacific gyre cleanup in Honolulu.

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**  
Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — In a mission to clean up trash floating in the ocean, environmentalists pulled 40 tons (36 metric tons) of abandoned fishing nets this month from an area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Mariners on a 140-foot (43-meter) cargo sailboat outfitted with a crane voyaged from Hawaii to the heart of the Pacific Ocean, where they retrieved the haul of mostly plastic fishing nets as part of an effort to rid the waters of the nets that entangle whales, turtles and fish and damage coral reefs.

The volunteers with the California-based nonprofit Ocean Voyages Institute

fished out the derelict nets from a marine gyre location where ocean currents converge between Hawaii and California during their 25-day expedition, the group's founder, Mary Crowley, announced Friday.

The group is among a handful of nonprofits working to collect plastic trash from the open ocean, an endeavor that can be dangerous, time consuming and expensive.

"Our success should herald the way for us to do larger clean ups and to inspire clean ups all throughout the Pacific Ocean and throughout the world. It's not something that we need to wait to do," Crowley said.

The cargo ship returned

June 18 to Honolulu, where 2 tons (1.8 metric tons) of plastic trash were separated from the haul of fishing nets and donated to local artists to transform it into art work to educate people about ocean plastic pollution. The rest of the refuse was turned over to a zero emissions energy plant that will incinerate it and turn it into energy, she said.

A year before they went to pick up the nets, the Sausalito, California-based group gave sailors going from California to Hawaii buoyant GPS trackers the size of bowling balls to attach to the nets they encountered during their voyage so they could be tracked.

The group then sailed to collect the nets entangled with plastic chairs, bottles and other trash in an effort that cost \$300,000.

The group plans to deploy dozens more GPS trackers and next year embark on a three-month trash collection expedition, Crowley said. It is estimated that between 600,000 and 800,000 metric tons of fishing gear is abandoned or lost during storms each year in the oceans, said Nick Mallos, Director of the Trash Free Seas Program at Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group.

Another 9 million tons (8 million metric tons) of plastic waste, including plastic bottles, bags, toys and other items, flow annually into the ocean from beaches, rivers and creeks, according to experts.

The Ocean Voyages Institute is one of dozens of groups around the world trying to tackle the problem. Most focus on clean-

ing up beaches, ridding shores of abandoned fishing nets, traps and other gear and pushing for a reduction on single-use plastic containers.

Collecting the trash already in the gyres is also the goal of The Ocean Cleanup project, which was started by Dutch innovator Boyan Slat and last year first deployed a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

The group has raised millions of dollars from donors around the world, including San Francisco billionaire Marc Benioff.

The buoyant, 2,000-foot (600-meter) long boom was floating 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) from Hawaii's coast when it broke apart under constant wind. After being repaired, it was re-deployed last week. □

## Report: 174 dolphins died from red tide bloom off Florida

By **MICHAEL SCHNEIDER**  
Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Scores of dolphins have died along Florida's southwest coast due to the red tide bloom in the past year, federal researchers said. Figures released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed 174 dolphins were stranded in a mass die-off between last July and last week.

Fish, sea turtles and manatees also have died from the red tide bloom, which has plagued the southwest Florida Gulf Coast since November 2017.

While red tide has diminished since February and the rate of dolphin deaths off Florida's southwest coast has slowed down, researchers in recent months have seen deaths from the secondary effects of red tide.

Those include dolphins consuming fishing gear because the red tide fish kill-off reduced the supply of the dolphin's usual diet of mullet and trout, forcing them to search for food in

atypical places, Blair Mase, NOAA's stranding response program coordinator, said Friday.

Researchers in recent months also have found

unusual food in the dolphins' stomachs, such as crabs and eels.

"We're also seeing underweight animals," Mase said. □



This undated photo provided by the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies shows lesions on a dolphin at a shoreline.

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## At 50, Watts relishes in a plethora of rich roles

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's often said that actresses have trouble finding meaty roles as they get older, but at age 50, Naomi Watts is flourishing, with two key projects that share a common theme — strong women determined to have their voices heard.

On Sunday, Watts will be seen in the Showtime limited series "The Loudest Voice," where she stars as Gretchen Carlson in the dramatization of the sexual harassment scandal around the late head of Fox News, Roger Ailes.

Watts also stars in the film "Ophelia," which will be in theaters June 28 and on video on demand and digital on July 2. It's a re-telling of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" with a different perspective. Directed by Claire McCarthy, written by Semi Chellas and adapted from Lisa Klein's book, it's a female-driven project — which was part of the appeal for Watts.

"We've put to bed that theory that, you know, you age out after 40," she said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. It's a great time for women of my age. So that's again a very heartening thing that we're witnessing in this lifetime."

And Watts still has more coming up, including her role in the upcoming



This June 17, 2019 photo, actress Naomi Watts poses for a portrait in New York.

"Game of Thrones" prequel to air on HBO. The Oscar-nominated actress talked about the pressure of following the juggernaut series, playing a TV anchor in "The Loudest Voice" and how women are uniting more in Hollywood in the #MeToo era.

AP: In "Ophelia" you play Hamlet's mother, but this prince isn't the protagonist of the story.

Watts: This has been changed to the point of view of Ophelia's and in the play that we know, she

was significantly different: quite young and pure. I mean she's still young pure and chaste and tragic, and then a little bit mad. And we find, I think with Shakespeare's works, often the women are a little bit one-dimensional, they're either like that or the opposite, overly sort of emotional or powerful and crazy. And so, it was nice to see a re-imagining, that you can take a story like that and just turn it on its head. And it speaks to a new era and new generation.

AP: How did you tap into

playing the role of Gretchen Carlson to become a TV personality?

Watts: She was someone that worked really hard and was highly, highly educated. She was not just a pretty face. So it was an impressive act, how she managed to survive against all odds.

And obviously as an actor again, looking for complicated women, how did she manage that and succeed and transform and turn it into something that, I mean, let's look back 10 years from now. She's

made an impact on history. AP: Are you worried about living up to the fan hype of "Game of Thrones" and how are you feeling about the role?

Watts: Goose bumps all over! ... I'm excited and I'm sorry I can't say anything. It is intimidating... having just come off the last series where the world was blowing up over it, everything was "Game of Thrones"-related, all the advertising on TV, every article, everybody's jumping on that bandwagon. So it's scary but hopefully those fans come along and get to find something new and interesting in this world as well. I think they won't be let down. AP: You recently posted a sweet tribute to your former partner, Liev Schreiber, on Father's Day that many found inspirational. Is it important to maintain a strong relationship?

Watts: Absolutely. Always the children first. I mean there's no question that they will do better if there is synchronicity. If it's acrimonious, they pick up on it, you know. And so that was always our pledge to one another and the kids, obviously, that we had to always keep assembling a semblance of family for them. And we've stuck to it. We've done pretty well.

AP: You also frequently post about your girlfriends-- some of them famous. □

## The Black Keys stick to roots on 'Let's Rock'

By RAGAN CLARK

Associated Press

The Black Keys, "Let's Rock" (Nonesuch/Easy Eye Sound)

The Black Keys are back with a return to their roots. And just in case their opening song doesn't make that clear enough, the album's title — "Let's Rock" — spells out their intention.

Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney have made rock with a bluesy-funk undertone their specialty, with this influence even shining through on some of Auerbach's production projects (see Cage the Elephant's "Tell Me I'm Pretty"). While



This cover image released by Easy Eye Sound/Nonesuch Records shows "Let's Rock," the latest release by The Black Keys. Associated Press

they may have ventured from this sound slightly on their last album, 2014's ambient and psychedelic "Turn Blue," they've returned to it in full force and to full effect on their ninth LP, "Let's Rock."

Opener "Shine a Little Light" is appropriately bright and upbeat, entering with a blues rock feel before changing gears into a more garage rock sound for the chorus. It's followed by "Eagle Birds," a track equally reminiscent of the Keys' sound on 2010's "Brothers" and 2011's "El Camino." While the Keys have returned

to their catchy, provocative riffs, "Let's Rock" leans closer to their more recent albums than their earlier, grittier sound. Softer songs like "Walk Across the Water" and the Beatles-sounding "Sit Around and Miss You" bring depth to the album, while the female background vocalists used throughout add gentle, soulful tones. From top to bottom, the 12-track "Let's Rock" holds tight to captivating instrumentation, with guitar at the center. The Black Keys are rock royalty and to the relief of many, they aren't quite ready to relinquish their reign. □

# 'Spider-Man' swings again with a successful sequel

By **MARK KENNEDY**  
 Associated Press

Peter Parker might be forgiven for craving a vacation as "Spider-Man: Far From Home" begins. After an emotional and strenuous last few movies with the Avengers, a break sounds nice. "I didn't think I had to save the world this summer," he complains. But, you know the drill: With great power comes great responsibility. So it's just a

matter of time before Parker's European school trip is interrupted by mayhem that requires a webslinger. We're just glad the filmmakers didn't also take a vacation as well. In this ambitious and ultimately successful sequel to "Spider-Man: Homecoming," Parker trades New York's Coney Island and the Staten Island ferry for such iconic cities as Venice, Berlin, London and



This image released by Sony Pictures shows, from left, Numan Acar, Tom Holland and Jacky Gyllenhaal in a scene from "Spider-Man: Far From Home."

Associated Press

Prague. Seeing him swing from ancient bell towers instead of Manhattan skyscrapers is weirdly thrilling. The first half of "Spider-Man: Far From Home" could stand alone — Parker juggles trying to romance the tough-but-vulnerable MJ (the always welcome Zendaya) while also fighting giant monsters beside a ragtag group of superheroes. Perhaps it's a little underwhelming, but it's solid. Just stick around: Things get positively bizarre in the second half as the film shifts

up a few gears, turning into a kind of commentary on filmmaking illusion itself. It goes from sunny pop to acid jazz, from "Saved By the Bell" to "The Matrix." Speaking of school, viewers who haven't yet seen "Avengers: Endgame" have some homework to do before watching Tom Holland pull on the red-and-blue suit this time. "Far From Home" takes place immediately after the meta-conclusion of all 22 films in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and assumes you

know what happened. Plus, it might be a school night, but don't even think about leaving the theater before catching the two post-film codas. Director Jon Watts returns, adding to the great work he did in the first film, and screenwriters Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers, who helped write "Homecoming," make their own homecoming. So does Jon Favreau playing Happy Hogan, Marisa Tomei as Aunt May and Jacob Batalon as Parker's best pal, who this time ditches the nerdiness to show off a man-of-the-world Ned. Borrowed from elsewhere in the Marvel Universe are Cobie Smulders as S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Maria Hill and a snarling Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury. Spider-Man gets to play this time with a pair of high-tech eyeglasses that are an advanced tactical intelligence system, much like he interacted last time with his suit's computer, Karen. (Alas, no cameo this time from Stan Lee, the Marvel icon who died in 2018).

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# South Korea's 'Song-Song' couple seek divorce, stunning fans



In this June 3, 2016 file photo, South Korean actress Song Hye-kyo, right, and actor Song Joong-ki pose as they arrive for the Baeksang Arts Awards in Seoul, South Korea.

Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — South Korean superstar couple Song Joong-ki and Song Hye-kyo are seeking a divorce to end their celebrity marriage of less than two years. Dubbed as "Song-Song

couple," both have huge followings across Asia and elsewhere. They married in October 2017 after falling in love while co-starring in the mega-hit TV drama, "Descendants of the Sun." They are one of the highest-profile star couples in

South Korea's entertainment world. A law firm representing Song Joong-ki confirmed that he was taking legal steps to divorce actress Song Hye-kyo. The 33-year-old actor offered an apology to his fans because he had to deliver "not good news," according to the Seoul-based Lee & Ko law firm. Song Hye-kyo's management agency, the United Artists Agency, said "a personality difference" is the reason for the divorce. "Song Hye-kyo is taking steps for divorce after cautious considerations with her husband," the company said, according to Yonhap news agency. "The reason is a personality difference, and the two sides inevitably made this decision, unable to overcome their differences."

## Steamy romance novelist Judith Krantz dies at 91

By STEFANIE DAZIO

SANDY COHEN

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Writer Judith Krantz, whose million-selling novels such as "Scruples" and "Princess Daisy" engrossed readers worldwide with their steamy tales of the rich and beautiful, died Saturday at her Bel-Air home. She was 91.

Krantz's son Tony Krantz, a TV executive, confirmed her death by natural causes on Sunday afternoon. He said he'd hoped to re-create the "Scruples" miniseries before her she died but it is still in the works.

"She had this rare combination of commercial and creative," he said.

Krantz wrote for Cosmopolitan and Ladies Home Journal magazines before discovering, at age 50, the talent for fiction that made her rich and famous like the characters she created.

Her first novel — "Scruples" in 1978 — became a best-seller, as did the nine that followed. Krantz's books have been translated into 52 languages and sold more than 85 million copies worldwide. They inspired a series of hit miniseries with the help of her husband, film and television producer Steve Krantz.

"I always ask myself if what I'm writing will satisfy a reader who's in a plane that can't land because of fog, or who's recovering from an operation in a hospital or who has to escape to a more delightful world for whatever reason," Krantz said in 1990.



Judith Krantz, poses in an undated file photo during an interview at her home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles, Ca.

"That is the test." While her work was decidedly less than highbrow, Krantz made no apologies for the steamy novels with titles like "Princess Daisy," "Mistral's Daughter," "Lovers," "I'll Take Manhattan" and "The Jewels of Tessa Kent."

She filled her stories with delicious details about her characters' lavish lifestyles — designer clothes, luxurious estates — and enviable romances. And she spared no specifics when it came to sex.

"If you're going to write a good erotic scene, you have to go into details," Krantz told the Los Angeles Times in 1990. "I don't believe in thunder and lightning and fireworks exploding. I think people want to

know what's happening."

So appealing were her sensational stories of high-powered heroines that each novel was reimagined for television as an episodic miniseries. Steve Krantz, a millionaire in his own right through such productions as the animated film "Fritz the Cat," helped translate his wife's work for TV.

The author was also famous for living a glamorous life that paralleled that of her characters. Her home in Los Angeles' exclusive Bel Air community featured a soundproof writing room flanked by an immaculately kept garden. In her closet were many of the same designer-label clothes the characters in her books wore.

Associated Press

The eldest of three children, Krantz was born Judith Bluma Tarcher in 1928 in New York City. Her father owned an advertising agency, and her mother worked as an attorney. Her brother, publisher Jeremy Tarcher, married the late ventriloquist Shari Lewis.

Growing up, Krantz was a precocious student at New York's exclusive Birch Wathen school, once describing herself as the youngest, smartest and shortest girl in her class. After skipping two grades, she enrolled at Wellesley College at age 16. She was also by her own account an indifferent college student. She said she only enrolled at Wellesley "to date, read and graduate" and claimed to have

set a record for her dorm by once dating 13 different men on 13 consecutive evenings.

"I got only one A-plus, and that was in English 101," she told The Boston Globe in 1982. "I had a B-minus average in English, my major, and made C's and C-minuses in everything else. But I didn't come here to get good marks."

When she could earn no better than a B in a short story class, she decided she wasn't good enough to write fiction.

"Just in time for my 50th birthday, I discovered that I could write fiction. My husband had urged me to try fiction for 15 years before I did," she was quoted in a profile on Wellesley's website in 2001. "I believed that if I couldn't write 'literature,' I shouldn't write at all."

"Now, I would say to young women, do something you have a true feeling for, no matter how little talent you may believe you have," she added.

"Let no masterwork be your goal — a modest goal may lead you further than you dream."

Krantz had met her husband through her high school friend Barbara Walters, who introduced the two in 1953. They married the following year.

"I fell in love with him the minute I saw him," she once said.

Her husband died in 2007 at age 83. The couple had two sons, Tony and Nick, a stockbroker, and two grandchildren. □

## 'One Day At a Time' rescued from cancellation by Pop TV

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

There are more days ahead for "One Day at a Time."

The CBS Corp.-owned cable channel Pop TV says Thursday it's greenlighted a new season of the reboot canceled by Netflix. In a statement, Pop TV President Brad Schwartz called the series both "culturally significant" and funny.

The original 1975-84 sitcom about a single white mom



This image released by Netflix shows Rita Moreno in a scene from "One Day At A Time."

Associated Press

was reimagined with a Latino family at its center, a TV rarity.

Justina Machado stars as Penelope Alvarez, a Cuban American parent and military veteran, with Rita Moreno playing her mother, Lydia.

"One Day at a Time" was dropped by Netflix earlier this year after three seasons, prompting an outcry from fans.

The streaming service said not enough people

watched the show to justify renewing it.

Famed producer Norman Lear, who co-created the original series and is executive producer on the remake, said he was "heartbroken" when it was canceled.

"Today, I'm overwhelmed with joy to know the Alvarez family will live on," Lear said in a statement.

Pop TV says the new 13-episode season is planned for 2020. □

# Restored Mission Control comes alive 50 years after Apollo

By MARCIA DUNN  
Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Gone is the haze of cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke. Gone are the coffee, soda and pizza stains. With only a few exceptions, NASA's Apollo-era Mission Control has been restored to the way it looked 50 years ago when two men landed on the moon.

It gets the stamp of approval from retired flight director Gene Kranz, a man for whom failure — or even a minor oversight — is never an option.

Seated at the console where he ruled over Apollo 11, Apollo 13 and so many other astronaut missions, Kranz pointed out that a phone was missing behind him. And he said the air vents used to be black from all the smoke, not sparkly clean like they are now.

Those couple of details aside, Kranz could close, then open his eyes, and transport himself back to July 20, 1969, and Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's momentous moon landing. "When I sit down here and I'm in the chair at the console ... I hear these words, 'Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed,'" Kranz said during a sneak preview at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

With all the empty seats, the room reminds him of a shift change when flight controllers would hit the restroom.

"It's just nice to see the thing come alive again," said Kranz, who titled his



This July 20, 1969 photo made available by NASA shows the Mission Operations Control Room (MOCR) in the Mission Control Center (MCC), Building 30, during the Apollo 11 lunar extravehicular activity (EVA).

autobiography, "Failure is Not an Option."

Friday's grand opening — just three weeks shy of the 50th anniversary of humanity's first otherworldly footsteps — culminates years of work and millions in donations. It opens to the public Monday.

Meticulously recreated down to the tan carpeting, gray-green wallpaper, white ceiling panels, woven-cushioned seats, amber glass ashtrays and retro coffee cups, Project Apollo's Mission Operations Control Room never looked — or smelled — so good.

The goal was "to capture the look and feel of July of '69," said NASA's restoration project manager Jim Thornton.

"The place is designated

a National Historic Landmark," he said. "It's not for the brick and mortar of the building, it's for the amazing feats that happened inside of the building."

Johnson's historic preservation officer, Sandra Tetley, strove for accuracy. Her quest began in 2013, after the room had fallen into neglect. It was last used for space shuttle flights in the 1990s, then abandoned and opened to tourists.

The restoration effort finally got traction in 2017. The room was closed, and construction began. More than \$5 million was raised, most of it donations. The city of Webster across the street kicked in \$3.5 million.

Tetley and her team interviewed flight controllers and directors now in their

70s and 80s. They pored through old pictures and brought in specialists in paint, wallpaper, carpeting, electricity and upholstery. Original swatches of carpet and wallpaper and an original ceiling tile turned up.

Intent on authenticity, they scoured eBay and vintage shops for ashtrays and cups and turned to 3D-laser printing to recreate lids for the back-of-the-seat ashtrays in the glassed-in visitors' section overlooking the control room. Old binders for reams of paper were collected. Seat cushions were handwoven. Ceiling tiles were hand stamped.

Carpeting was custom ordered with special tufting and extra yarn, then cut into 28-inch squares. The

restoration team wanted a lived-in look for the carpet and chose a shade reflecting years of nicotine discoloring.

And yes, Kranz got his missing rotary-dial wall phone.

"I fought for everything," Tetley said. "But we're getting everything we want to make it just completely historically accurate."

The green consoles were trucked to the Cosmosphere museum in Hutchinson, Kansas, for months of rehab. Cigarette butts were dug out of the consoles, along with gum wrappers and papers.

Modern LED lights and flat screens were installed to bring the consoles alive with images and flashing buttons; big screens up front will show key footage from the Apollo 11 mission.

"We're using technology to make it look old, basically," Tetley explained. LEDs also replaced the original overhead fluorescent lights that had faded the mission medallions on the walls.

With the International Space Station's Mission Control running 24/7 one floor down and work for future moonshots going on all around, Thornton said it was challenging to create a museum. But the painstaking work paid off. Some Apollo flight controllers were so moved at seeing the restored room that they teared up.

There's one artifact, though, that doesn't fit July 1969. Following their 1970 aborted moon-landing mission, Apollo 13's Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert presented a mirror from their spacecraft to Kranz and the rest of the control team. Ever since, the mirror had hung on a plaque above the room's water fountain "to 'reflect the image' of the people in Mission Control who got us back!" Removed during the restoration, it's now back in its original spot.

Kranz, 85, still looms large in the hot seat, where he oversaw the Eagle's landing.

"It was just absolutely our day, our time, our place," he said. □



Gene Kranz, aerospace engineer, fighter pilot, an Apollo-era flight director and later director of NASA flight operations leans on a console near the one where he worked in the mission control room at the NASA Johnson Space Center Monday, June 17, 2019, in Houston.

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A wall screen shows a lunar map and the simulated position of the Command Module, in red, as it would orbit the moon inside the mission control room being restored to replicate the Apollo mission era 50 years earlier, at the NASA Johnson Space Center Monday, June 17, 2019, in Houston.

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